

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



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PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
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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 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, March 14, 2015**

5:00 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)
 Rosa Tapia (dec)
 Tobias Gutierrez (dec)
 Francisca Gutierrez (dec)
 Olga Diaz (sanación)
 Angel Adonis Mejia (cumpleaños)

Sunday, March 15, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Louisa Vinson (birthday)
 9:45 am - Antonio Peralta (dec)
 11:30 am - Fr. James Sweeney (sanación)
 Patricio Medina (dec)
 Ana Consuelo Ventura (dec)
 Presentación de la bebe Abigail Rodriguez
 Presentación del bebe Ronald Matías Escobar
 Presentación del bebe Juan Ariel Hernandez
 1:15 pm - Catherine Fogarty, Carlos Payumo (dec)
 Charismatic Prayer Group (Special Intention)

Monday, March 16, 2015

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

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 - St. Patrick

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

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, March 19, 2015 - St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Friday, March 20, 2015

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls
 7:30 pm - Francisco Rodriguez (dec)

Saturday, March 21, 2015

5:00 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Sunday, March 22, 2015 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio
 Margaret Staten (birthday & healing)
 11:30 am - Maria Edelmira Canton (dec)
 Mario Alberto Canton (dec)
 Aaron Alfredo Guinac (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm - John & Mary Waldron

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick: Dalip Singh, Ismael (Junior) Panasuk, Geraldine Miller, Lyonel Hilaire, Juan Santana, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithfully departed: Cardinal John J. Egan, Gerson Calderon.

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 - \$4588.00

Second Collection – \$1637.00

First Collection Last Year: \$5284.00

"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 * 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 * Ps 137:1-6 * Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a * Ps 23:1-6
 * Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
Mon * Is 65:17-21 * Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b * Jn 4:43-54
Tues * Ez 47:1-9, 12 * Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 * Jn 5:1-16
Wed * Is 49:8-15 * Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 * Jn 5:17-20
Thurs * 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 * Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 *
 * Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Fri * Wis 2:1a, 12-22 * Ps 34:17-21, 23 * Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat * Jer 11:18-20 * Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12 * Jn 7:40-53

Altar Server Assignments for Mar. 21 & 22, 2015

Sat. 5:00 PM - Alexis Small, Lexa Marie Torres
Sat. 7:30 PM - Michelle Martinez, Lisbed Flores, Evin Flores, Osvaldo Flores
Sun. 8:15 AM – Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
Sun. 11:30 AM – Sebastian Rosas, Melissa Ventura, Monica Ventura, Luis Ruiz Lopez
Sun. 1:15 PM – Kevin Robles, Lisa Deryce

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday: After the 12:10 Mass—English
After the 7:30 Mass—Spanish

BIBLE STUDY

Next Bible Study is on Sunday, March 15, 2015 after the 1:15 Mass in Church.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD”

Today's Gospel contains the best known and most often quoted passage in the New Testament. Who has not seen *John 3:16* at a televised sporting event? Who has not heard and read the familiar and comforting words?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Like an old song or a soft blanket, the words comfort us.

THE REST OF THE STORY

But the rest of the Gospel verses are not so familiar—or so comforting: “Whoever does not believe has already been condemned” (John 3:18). Do my doubts condemn me? Just how strong is my faith? “People preferred darkness to light because their works were evil” (John 3:19). Can I justify my lifestyle when the world's children are starving? “For everyone who does wicked things hates the light” (John 3:20). What have I done that I don't want others to know about? Why do I look the other way when people or governments act unethically or immorally?

The image of Moses holding up the bronze serpent is a stark reminder of the purpose of the Crucifixion. The Son of Man will be “lifted up”—but first he will suffer a painful death on the cross. We are saved through his suffering love—if we will let him love us. “Whoever lives the truth comes to the light” (John 3:21). To “live the truth” is to accept ourselves as we are—good, bad, and ugly. Love can only enter when our defenses are down. Jesus does not condemn; we condemn ourselves by our non-belief in our own essential goodness. It's an internal condemnation removed only by his gift—the gift of love. Jesus is love. We are saved by love. We save others through love. Love is the only thing worth living—or dying—for.

Lenten Reflection

Each Lent we are given the opportunity to renew our spirit and soul by reflecting on the sacred mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. It is a time of turning inward and facing our own wounds and pain, and allowing the healing presence of God to mend the parts of us that are broken, breathing into us new life and hope.

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 12, 2015. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Departure time 6:00 A.M. For more information call 718-440-1328.

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday, March 28th

5:00 P.M. - St. Mary English
7:30 P.M. - St. Mary Spanish

Sunday, March 29th

8:15 A.M. - St. Mary - English
9:45 A.M. - St. Gertrude - Bi-lingual
11:30 A.M. - St. Mary - Spanish
11:45 A.M. - St. Mary - Auditorium - Spanish
1:15 P.M. - St. Mary - English

RECONCILIATION MONDAY—March 30th

Confessions: 3 P.M. until 9 P.M.

St. Mary - Bi-lingual

HOLY THURSDAY - April 2nd

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – Bi-lingual
7:30 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Bi-lingual
Visit to the Repository until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY— April 3rd

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – St. Mary - Bi-lingual
12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross – St. Mary - English
1:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross – Bi-lingual –starting at St. Gertrude and ending at St. Mary
3:00 P.M. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – St. Mary - Spanish
7:30 P.M. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – St. Gertrude -English

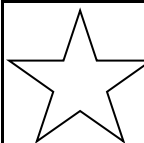
HOLY SATURDAY – April 4th

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – Bi-lingual
8:00 P.M. - Easter Vigil and Mass - Bi-lingual

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5th

MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

8:15 A.M. – St. Mary - English
9:45 A.M. – St. Gertrude - Bi-lingual
11:30 A.M. - St. Mary - Spanish
11:45 A.M. - St. Mary auditorium - Spanish
1:15 P.M. - St. Mary - English



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2015 LENTEN REFLECTION

Tuesday at 7pm

March 17 “CPR” (Spiritual Healing)

**Followed by the
Stations of the Cross**

BRING A FRIEND... ALL ARE WELCOME





Catechizing During Lent

Easter Triduum, Holy Triduum, Paschal Triduum, or The Three Days, is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Holy Thursday (the vigil of Good Friday) and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday, the three-day period therefore from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Resurrection Sunday. It recalls the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Catequizando durante la Cuaresma

El **Triduo Pascual** es el periodo del tiempo en el que la liturgia cristiana y católica conmemoran la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús, y constituye el momento central de la Semana Santa y del año litúrgico. En la liturgia católica, comprende desde la tarde del Jueves Santo, cuando concluye la Cuaresma, hasta la madrugada del Domingo de Pascua, en que empieza el tiempo pascual.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2015 PRAYER

Let us pray that stewardship may become a way of life for us as we share the many gifts we have received from the Lord. Reflecting on our lives, and all that we have been given, we pray for the courage to truly live our faith by sharing our time, talent, and treasure in answer to the Lord's call to relieve the suffering of those in need in our Church, our communities, and our world.

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Teach us, O Lord, to
Share the Joy of the Gospel,
 understanding always, that generosity is shown in acts of friendship, respect, and encouragement, and in every act of human kindness toward our brothers and sisters in need. Guide us to be generous in our thoughts and actions and give us the grace to realize that in each measure we give, we also receive. Amen

Retreat for Post -Abortion Healing

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, Jesus is waiting to give you His mercy and forgiveness to a HOPE AND HEALING RETREAT with the Sisters of Life at St. Frances De Chantal Convent located at 198 Hollywood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. The dates are Saturdays March 21, May 2 and June 6 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. The retreat and lunch are FREE. The retreats are in English. For directions, information and a reservation call Sr. Veronica at 718-863-2264.

FIRST ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 9:45 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. Fordham University. For more information, please call Sr. Lucy Marie at 646-794-3192.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4588.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1637.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5284.00

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!



Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

“ASÍ AMÓ DIOS AL MUNDO”

El Evangelio de hoy contiene el pasaje más conocido y más citado del Nuevo Testamento. ¿Quién no ha visto *Juan 3:16* en una actividad deportiva televisada? ¿Quién no ha escuchado ni leído esas palabras conocidas y reconfortantes?

“¡Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que le entregó a su Hijo único, para el que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna”. Esas palabras nos confortan como una canción antigua o una manta suave.

EL RESTO DE LA HISTORIA

Pero el resto de los versículos del Evangelio no son tan familiares ni tan confortantes: “. . . el que no cree ya está condenado . . .” ¿Me condenan mis dudas? ¿Cuán fuerte es mi fe? “. . . Los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas”. ¿Puedo justificar mi estilo de vida cuando los niños del mundo mueren de hambre? “Todo aquel que hace el mal aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella. . .” ¿Qué cosas he hecho que no quiero que sepan los demás? ¿Por qué miro para otro lado cuando la gente o los gobiernos actúan sin ética o inmoralmente?

La imagen de Moisés sosteniendo la serpiente de bronce es una señal sombría del propósito de la Crucifixión. El Hijo del Hombre será “levantado”, pero primero sufrirá una muerte dolorosa en la cruz. Seremos salvados por medio de su amor sufriente *si es que* dejamos que Él nos ame. “El que obra el bien conforme a la verdad va a la luz . . .”. Obrar según “la verdad” es aceptarnos como somos: buenos, malos y feos. El amor sólo puede entrar cuando estamos abiertos. Jesús no condena, nosotros nos condenamos por no creer en nuestra bondad esencial. Es una condena interna que sólo un regalo puede remover —el regalo del amor. Jesús es amor. Somos salvados por amor. Salvamos a otros por amor. El amor es lo único por lo que vale la pena vivir o morir.

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

“Dios no envió a su propio Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salve por El” ¿Te sientes invitado a compartir la misma misión de Jesús como sacerdote, diácono o religioso/a? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.

**DOMINGO DE RAMOS****Misas—28 & 29 de Marzo****Sábado:** 5:00 PM - Santa María - Ingles

7:30 PM - Santa María - Español

Domingo: 8:15 AM - Santa María - Ingles

9:45 AM - Santa Gertrudis - Bilingüe

11:30 AM - Auditorio de Santa María - Español

11:45 AM - Santa María - Español

1:15 PM - Santa María - Ingles

LUNES DE RECONCILIACION — 30 de Marzo

Confesiones: 3 PM— 9 PM - Santa María - Bilingüe

JUEVES SANTO - 2 de Abril

10:00 A.M.— Oración de la Mañana - Bilingüe

7:30 P.M - Misa de la Cena del Señor - Bilingüe

Repositorio estará abierto hasta la medianoche

VIERNES SANTO – 3 de Abril

10:00 AM - Oración de la Mañana - Santa María - Bilingüe

12:00 Mediodía - Estaciones de la Cruz - Santa María - Ingles

1:30 PM - Estaciones de la Cruz - Bilingüe

Seguida por la procesión de Santa Gertrudis a Santa María

3:00 PM - Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo

Santa María - Español

7:30 PM - Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo

St. Gertrudis - Ingles

SABADO DE GLORIA – 4 de Abril

10:00 AM - Oración de la Mañana - Bilingüe

8:00 PM - Misa de la Vigilia Pascual en el Auditorio - Bilingüe

DOMINGO DE PASCUA – 5 de Abril**MISA DE LA RESURRECCION DEL SEÑOR**

8:15 AM - Santa María - Ingles

9:45 AM - Santa Gertrudis - Bilingüe

11:30 AM - Santa María - Español

11:45 AM - Auditorio de Santa María - Español

1:15 PM - Santa María - Ingles

Reflexión de Cuaresma

Cada Cuaresma se nos da la oportunidad de renovar nuestra alma y espíritu reflexionando en el sagrado misterio de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Este es el momento para reflexionar y enfrentar nuestras propias heridas y sufrimientos, y permitir que la presencia sanadora de Dios sane todas nuestras heridas, respirando en nosotros una nueva vida y esperanza.

ORACION DE LA CAMPAÑA ANUAL CATOLICA DEL 2015

Oremos para que la corresponsabilidad se convierta para nosotros en un estilo de vida, al compartir los muchos dones que hemos recibido del Señor.

Pensando en nuestras vidas y en todo lo que hemos recibido, pedimos tener la valentía de vivir verdaderamente nuestra fe compartiendo nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro en respuesta del llamado del Señor, de aliviar el sufrimiento de aquellos necesitados en nuestra Iglesia, nuestra comunidad y en nuestro mundo.

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Enseñanos, O Señor, a

Compartir la Alegría del Evangelio,

Entendiendo siempre, que la generosidad se muestra con obras de hermandad, respeto, apoyo y en cada obra de bondad hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitadas.

Guíanos a ser generosos con nuestros pensamientos y acciones y danos la gracia de reconocer que de tal medida con que damos, también recibimos.

Amen

**Santa María Estrella del Mar y la Comunidad Salvadoreña**

Los invita a la Misa en conmemoración del 35 Aniversario del Martirio del Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero y en Acción de Gracias por su pronta Beatificación.

Martes 24 de Marzo del 2015 a las 7:30 P.M.

Inmediatamente después de la Misa presentaremos un documental de la vida y obra de Monseñor Romero.

Todos están invitados!

Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invitan al Santuario Nacional de la Divina Misericordia en Massachusetts el domingo, 12 de Abril del 2015. El costo es \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para mas información llamar al 718-440-1328.

MINI RETIRO DE PAREJAS

El Domingo 22 de Marzo habrá un Mini Retiro de Parejas en el auditorio de la escuela de 1:30 a 6:00 P.M. concluyendo con una Hora Santa. Para mas información, llamar a María Zipriano al 516-384-1846.