

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 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 28, 2015

- 5:00 pm - Veronica Blake Greenaway (dec)
Carmen & Victor Nazario (wedding anniv.)
- 7:30 pm - Maria Diaz (dec)
Oscar Soria Suarez (dec)

Sunday, March 29, 2015 – Palm Sunday

- 8:15 am - Ramona Valdes (dec)
- 9:45 am - Mass available
- 11:30 am - Misa disponible
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- 1:15 pm - John J. Waldron Jr.

Monday, March 30, 2015

- 12:10 pm - St. Andre (thanksgiving)

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, April 2, 2015 - Holy Thursday

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

Friday, April 3, 2015 - Good Friday


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

Saturday, April 4, 2015 - Holy Saturday

- 8:00 pm - Father Jim Cunningham (healing)
Consuelo Castillo (dec)
Paula Segura (dec)

Sunday, April 5, 2015 – Easter Sunday

- 8:15 am - Father Jim Cunningham (healing)
- 9:45 am - Divino Niño (acción de gracias)
Irene Gonzales (dec)
- 11:30 am - Mary Geragthy (thanksgiving)
Carmela de la Cruz (dec)
- 11:45 am - Diego y Maria Luisa Zipriano (21 aniv. de bodas)
- 1:15 pm - Father Jim Cunningham (healing)
Angela Shaughnessy

 **The Sick:** Shana Sohl, Luis Peraza, Dalip Singh, Ismael (Junior) Panasuk, Juan Santana, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithfully departed: Leonardo Rojas.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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 - Not available

Second Collection – Not available

"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** * Is 50:4-7 * Ps 22:8-9,17-20, 23-24 * Mk 14:1 -15:47 [15:1-39]
- Mon** * Is 42:1-7 * Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 * Jn 12:1-11
- Tues** * Is 49:1-6 * Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17 * Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wed** * Is 50:4-9a * Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 * Mt 26:14-25
- Thurs** * Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 * Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27 * Lk 4:16-21—Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 * Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 * Jn 13:1-15
- Fri** * Is 52:13-53:12 * Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17, 25 * Jn 18:1- 19:42
- Sat** * a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a] * Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18] * Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1 * Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14 * Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11 * Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 * Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 * Mk 16:1-7

Altar Server Assignments for Holy Week & Easter Sunday

- Holy Thursday** - 7:30 PM - Sebastian Rosas, Edward Peña, Miguel Garcia, Noah Roberts, Axel Lopez
- Good Friday - St. Mary** 3:00 PM - Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras, Melissa Ventura, Monica Ventura
- St. Gertrude** - 7:30 PM – Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo, Bianca Ramjassingh, Salome Lopez
- Easter Vigil** - 8:00 PM – Sebastian Rosas, Jacques Mathieu, Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Miguel Garcia
- Easter Sunday** - 8:15 AM – Gabrielle Forbes - Bennett, Adaora Madubuko, Tiffany Carcamo
- 9:45 AM – Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo, Bianca Ramjassingh
- 11:30 AM - Lisbed Flores, Osvaldo Flores, Evin Flores, Jeison Fernandez
- 11:45 AM - Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras, Melissa Ventura, Monica Ventura
- 1:15 PM - Jamal Michel, Noah Roberts, Bianca Ramjassingh



TRULY, THIS WAS THE SON OF GOD!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

THE JOURNEY NEARS ITS END

On any long journey it is only natural to tire as we progress; we often need, as we near our destination, a bit of a "boost" to help us make it through the last leg of the trip. The triumphant beginning of Passion Sunday serves that purpose. It energizes our Lenten pilgrimage so we have the stamina to walk the last few—and by far most difficult—days with Jesus in Jerusalem. As our blessed palms stir the air around us in triumph, we should ask ourselves how committed we truly are to taking these last steps with him. Perhaps we might choose a "traveling companion" with whom we can identify. Would it be Judas or disloyal Peter? Perhaps one of those who waved palm fronds with enthusiastic sincerity, but who later mocked Jesus when his fortunes seemed to turn? Maybe we would choose Simon, to help carry his cross; perhaps the brave, faithful women who went to Calvary, who waited with linen and myrrh to honor his dead body. Or we might identify with the pagan Roman centurion, who made his profession of faith at the foot of the cross.

WHO WILL CHRIST SAY THAT I AM?

The story of the Passion contains many characters with whom we can identify; likewise it features a whole range of emotions, from the glory of Palm Sunday's beginnings to the insistent command of Christ that we imitate him by washing feet as our remembrance of him. He also commanded that we eat of the bread that is his body and drink of the cup that he will drink these days, filled with the blood of the new covenant. Ultimately, we—who are the Body of Christ through our baptism—must identify with Jesus Christ at the end of this Lenten trek. We must be witnesses to the humility and compassion he showed, even in the face of adversity, suffering, hatred, and rejection. Like him, with renewed energy, we must turn away from any desire to seek or justify revenge; instead, we must continually extend our hands in forgiveness, healing, and tenderness. As Christ, our reconciling embrace must stretch wide open, until we resemble him, arms stretched wide on the cross of our salvation.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"Morning by morning He wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught." Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seeking to know your vocation. If He is asking you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



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

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord,

How often when weary do we sigh 'The spirit is willing, but the body is weak?'

How often when in prayer are thoughts distracted by sounds or circumstance

or prayers diverted by trivial concerns - Baggage carried with us rather than left at your feet?

How often do we find ourselves apologizing to you for our abbreviated prayer life?

And yet you draw us still to be in your presence as you did the disciples at Gethsemane.

You want us to share in your life to play our part.

You told your disciples to watch and pray so that they might not fall into temptation.

Do you ask the same of us and do we also fail you each time we whisper,

'The spirit is willing, but the body is weak?'

Grant us the strength, Lord of body and of spirit to offer you the sacrifice of our lives. Amen.





Pope Francis has asked all Catholics worldwide to use the months ahead as a time of preparation & prayer for the *World Meeting of Families* to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in September 2015.

Pope Francis prayed:

"Let every family be a welcoming place of goodness and peace for children and the elderly, for the sick and the lonely, for the poor and the needy."

Pope Francis also asks all families to enrich and energize family life by praying the *"World Meeting of Families Prayer"* each day for their own family's personal intentions.

"Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive"

World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, You have made us
Your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.

May Your grace and love
help our families in every part of the world
be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families,
especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek Your truth and live in your love.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
pray for us!**



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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: No disponible
Segunda Colecta: No disponible

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!



Domingo de Ramos en la Pasión del Señor

EL FINAL DE LA JORNADA SE APROXIMA

Es natural que en cualquier jornada larga nos sintamos cansados a medida que avanzamos. Al acercarnos a nuestro destino a menudo sentimos la necesidad de un "impulso" que nos ayude en el último tramo del camino. El comienzo triunfal del Domingo de la Pasión del Señor cumple este propósito. Nos da energía en nuestra peregrinación de Cuaresma para que tengamos el vigor requerido para caminar los últimos y, sin duda, los más difíciles días con Jesús en Jerusalén. Mientras se levantan al aire nuestros ramos en una actitud triunfal, debemos preguntarnos cuán verdaderamente comprometidos estamos para caminar estos últimos pasos con el Señor. Tal vez escojamos un "compañero de viaje" con quien nos identificamos. ¿Será Judas o el desleal Pedro?

¿Caminaremos quizás con alguien que, con sincero entusiasmo agitó los ramos en la procesión, pero más tarde, cuando la suerte de Jesús cambió, se burló de él? Quizá elijamos a Simón, quien le ayudó a cargar la cruz, o quizá a las valientes y fieles mujeres que fueron hasta el Calvario y aguardaron provistas de lino y mirra para honrar el cuerpo sin vida de Jesús. Aun tal vez nos identifiquemos con el pagano centurión romano quien hizo su profesión de fe al pie de la cruz.

¿QUIÉN DIRÁ CRISTO QUE SOY YO?

El relato de la pasión contiene muchos personajes con quienes podemos identificarnos; asimismo, presenta toda una gama de emociones, desde la gloria de sus comienzos en el Domingo de Ramos hasta el insistente mandato de Cristo de que debemos imitarlo lavando pies en su memoria. También nos mandó que comiéramos del pan que es su cuerpo y bebiéramos del cáliz del cual él beberá en estos días, que contiene la sangre de la nueva alianza. Por último, nosotros –que somos el Cuerpo de Cristo por nuestro bautismo– debemos identificarnos con Jesucristo al final del camino de la Cuaresma. Debemos ser testigos de la humildad y compasión que él demostró aun frente a la adversidad, el sufrimiento, el odio y el rechazo. Con renovada energía, tal como él lo hizo, debemos rechazar todo deseo de buscar la venganza o justificarla; más bien, debemos extender continuamente nuestras manos ofreciendo perdón, consuelo y ternura. Como Cristo, nuestro abrazo reconciliador debe extenderse amplio y abierto, hasta que nos asemejemos a él, cuyos brazos se extendieron ampliamente sobre la cruz por nuestra salvación.



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

Oración Para El Domingo de Ramos



Señor Jesús, con este mismo ramo te acompañamos hoy a recordar tu entrada en Jerusalén, con nuestra presencia en el templo dijimos que somos tus seguidores y que tú eres el rey de los reyes.

Ahora te pedimos que protejas a nuestra familia de todo mal y nos conviertas en testigos de tu amor y tu paz, para que un día podamos reinar contigo en la Jerusalén celestial, donde vives y reinas por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.



El Papa Francisco ha pedido a todos los católicos de todo el mundo utilizar los próximos meses como un tiempo de preparación y oración por el Encuentro

Mundial de las Familias que se celebrará en Filadelfia, Pennsylvania, en septiembre del 2015.

El Papa Francisco oró: "Que cada familia sea un lugar acogedor de bondad y paz para los niños, los ancianos, los enfermos y los que están solos, para los pobres y los necesitados".

El Papa Francisco también pide a todas las familias enriquecer y dinamizar la vida familiar con la Oración del "Encuentro Mundial de las Familias" todos los días junto a las intenciones personales de su propia familia.

"El amor es nuestra misión: la plenamente viva"

Una Oración para el Encuentro Mundial de las Familias

Dios y Padre de todos nosotros,
en Jesús, tu Hijo y nuestro Salvador, nos has hecho tus hijos e hijas en la familia de la Iglesia.

Que tu gracia y el amor ayuden a nuestras familias en cualquier parte del mundo a estar en unión con los demás en fidelidad al Evangelio.

Que el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia, con la ayuda de Tu Espíritu Santo, guie a todas las familias, especialmente las más atribuladas, a ser casas de comunión y oración y a buscar siempre tu verdad y vida en tu amor.

Por Cristo nuestro Señor, Amén

**Jesús, María y José,
ruega por nosotros!**

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

"Cada mañana el despierta mi oído para escuchar como un discípulo" Escucha diariamente en tu oración las inspiraciones del Espíritu Santo a fin de conocer tu vocación. Si Dios te está invitando a considerar el sacerdocio o la vida consagrada, llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.



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.