

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.

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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: (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

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

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, May 3, 2014

- 5:00 pm - Cecili Webster Perissi
Hellen Lazare (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Eva, Alicia, Gloria y Washington Perez (dec)
Enedina Acosta dec
Minerva Reyes (dec)

Sunday, May 4, 2014 – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am - John & Patricia Casey Gannon (dec)
Keith George (Special Intention)
- 9:45 am - Presentación del bebe William Luis Montero
- 11:30 am - Nidia Rodriguez (dec), Alice Preudhomme (dec)
Jose Luis Hernandez Nicaragua (dec)
Carlos Santamaria (dec)
Cecilia Monterroza (dec)
Aisha y Larissa Perez (cumpleaños)
Alejandro Perez (cumpleaños)
Presentación del bebe Adriel Alfredo Lopez Damas
- 1:15 pm - Divino Niño Jesus (acción de gracias)

Monday, May 5, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Olimpio Gamulo (dec)

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, May 8, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Mark Smith (thanksgiving)

Friday, May 9, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
- 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Saturday, May 10, 2014

- 5:00 pm - Mass available
- 7:00 pm - Confirmation Mass

Sunday, May 11, 2014 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am - Ingrid Marilyn Hoyte (birthday)
- 9:45 am - Cristina Vasquez (dec), Reuben Vasquez (dec)
Maria Esperanza de Giron (dec)
Maria Antonia Cordova (dec)
Maria Crespo (dec)
- 11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes
Celia Jimenez (dec), Maria Orquidia Ortiz (dec)
Miguel Angel Aleman Lopez (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Annie Rowan

The Sick: Blanca Negron, Odette Williams, Adeline Labatte, Miguel Mena, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla.

All the faithful departed especially Josefa Martinez.

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 - \$4213.22

Second Collection – \$1754.00

First Collection Last Year: \$6464.00

(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.

Altar Server Assignments for May 10 & 11, 2014

- Sat. 1:00 (First Communion) Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Hilda Hernandez
- Sat. 5:00 PM - Alexis Small, Bianca Salonga
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Zarate, Wendy Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabriele Forbes-Bennett, Adaora Madubuko, Iziegbeuwa Odia
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM - Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Joselin Lopez, Jossabeth Castaneda
- Sun. 1:15 PM– Jamal Michel, Alexis Small

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Acts 2:14,22-33 * Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 * Lk 24:13-35
- Mon** * Acts 6:8-15 * Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 * Jn 6:22-29
- Tues** * Acts 7:51 — 8:1a * Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab * Jn 6:30-35
- Wed** * Acts 8:1b-8 * Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a * Jn 6:35-40
- Thurs** * Acts 8:26-40 * Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 * Jn 6:44-51
- Fri** * Acts 9:1-20 * Ps 117:1bc, 2 * Jn 6:52-59
- Sat** * Acts 9:31-42 * Ps 116:12-17 * Jn 6:60-69

Third Sunday of Easter

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email : vocations@diobrook.org.



You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

- The bread and wine are given in **Thanksgiving.***
- The sanctuary candle is given in **Thanksgiving.***
- The flowers are given **Thanksgiving.***



Third Sunday of Easter

AND IT HAPPENED THAT . . .

The two major components of today's familiar Gospel hinge on this phrase: "And it happened that . . ." But what monumental moments of grace that seemingly insignificant phrase introduces! The first time it appears, the risen Christ joins the disciples on their journey. The second time, he joins them at table and breaks bread with them. Twice also there are "openings" in this passage. The first is the opening of the scriptures to the disciples, which will help them realize that through this "breaking open" of God's inspired word their hearts came to burn with the fire of faith. Second, the breaking of the bread causes their eyes to be opened, so that they recognize Christ with them. And so it happens, each and every Lord's Day, as it happened on this "first day of the week," that in the opening of the word and the breaking of the bread, we come to know Christ with us.

FINDING GOD IN BROKEN THINGS

The two disciples were having trouble, as many of us still do today, finding the presence of God in broken things. The body of their Lord had been broken on a cross. They were confused at the broken seal on the tomb—not yet understanding what this meant—thinking perhaps that the grave had been desecrated. Their dreams of the reign of God that Jesus had preached were broken, too. Luke tells us they were "downcast." They were surely not expecting to find God's presence in this stranger on the road whom they did not recognize. But as they continued on their journey with him, his sharing of the scriptures inspired them to keep him as companion, and at their table he became the host. Then grace was present, known, seen, and believed in the broken bread. Their joy overcame their fear of traveling after nightfall (a dangerous undertaking in that time and place), and they sped to Jerusalem to share their good news. We, too, must journey with Jesus, allow him to open our eyes and set our hearts on fire. Then, overcoming all our fears in joyful faith, we must continue on as messengers of the gospel.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today's collection, you help Jesus in disguise Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

Thank you to all of you who have already made a pledge.

Remember, all money received above the \$47,883.00 will be returned to the parish.

As of April 28, 2014 we have 107 donors who pledged \$32,571.00, which represent approximately 2/3 of our Diocesan goal of \$47,883.00. We need \$15,312.00 in pledges to make our 2014 diocesan goal.

So far, we've collected \$13,262.00; we have \$34,621.00 to go to meet our diocesan goal. However, our goal is to surpass \$47,883.00 to make sure that a nice amount of money is returned to our parish. **WE CAN DO IT!**

Can Father Fulgencio count on all of your to make a pledge? It doesn't matter how much you pledge; \$5.00, \$25.00, \$500.00, whatever you can afford. The goal is to have all parishioners make a commitment and a contribution.

If you have not yet done so, please fill out a commitment form and return it to the diocese, or drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Masses, or drop it at the rectory. Also, please speak to your family, friends and fellow-parishioners to ask them to make their commitments. **It is never too late to make a pledge.**

REMEMBER: that every dollar that we receive over \$47,883.00 from now until December 15, 2014, is returned to our parish. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!!

Community Happenings Corner

Mark your

 Calendar

Earn up to \$3,402 as a GAPP Corps Member this Spring!

The NYC Parks Green Applied Projects for Parks (GAPP) Corps provides the opportunity for 18-24 year olds to earn money and gain paid work experience by completing a Green Applied Project at a local park. Email a resume or statement of interest (no more than 2 paragraphs) to gapp@parks.nyc.gov.

Boardwalk Rebuild Employment Opportunities

A storefront office is now open to accept boardwalk job applications. The address is 9208 Rockaway Beach Blvd. Please visit the office for current information for boardwalk rebuilding job opportunities.

Disaster Hotline for Homeowners

For homeowners who are still unable to resolve disputes with insurers, call the Disaster Hotline who will be able to answer questions and help with problems. You may also file complaints at: <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/filecomplaint.htm>.

Community Happenings Corner

Continued...

Far Rockaway Youth Summit — The 2014 Far Rockaway Youth Summit will take place on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 10 AM to 4 PM at Goldie Maple Academy, 365 Beach 57th St in Arverne. There will be resources, free food, music, workshops and guest speakers.

Sandy Technical Assistance Workshop— Come to a workshop hosted by Community Environment Center (CEC) and Alliance for Just Rebuilding on Sunday, May 4th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Peninsula Preparatory School auditorium at St. Mary Star of the Sea. Representatives from Ocean Bay Community Development Corp, Operation Hope, American Red Cross, New York Disaster Interfaith Services, World Cares Center, legal services, YANA Community Services and other organizations, will be available to answer questions and to provide assistance for Sandy victims and others.

Councilman Donovan Richards 'State of the District'

Address for 2014—Councilman Richards will host 2 'state of the district' addresses; one in the Rockaways and the other in Laurelton. The Rockaway event will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the "new" Rockaway YMCA – 207 Beach 3rd St in Arverne. All are invited and are encouraged to participate. RSVP at 718 471-7014.

Summer Youth Employment—Summer Youth Employment (SYEP) applications are now available online. Individuals interested in applying for a summer job this summer must apply at the below website online or print out the application to fill it out by hand. You will be asked to select the SYEP Provider you want to work for. They will provide you with online information to help you select the SYEP Provider. If you print out an application, you will complete the application by hand and bring it to the SYEP Provider you want to work for. Application link - <https://application.nycsyep.com/>.

The Salvation Army is here to help the people of Far Rockaway

—The Salvation Army is Here to Help with Sandy Issues. The Salvation Army Rockaway Recovery Office has opened and is accepting impacted individuals for disaster case management. Their disaster case managers have received specialized trainings and up-to-date information about the services and benefits offered by the public and private organizations working on the front lines of the Hurricane recovery effort. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call their office at (347) 926-4167 between the hours of 9:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

FINY – Faith Community Forum—Please join us on Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM to help plan a 2000-person forum and rally, where will discuss strategies for meeting with Mayor de Blasio with regard to his promises that he made to us to eliminate the "tale of two cities, and the 'separate' Rockaways. Your participation in this planning event is important. We will meet at Our Lady of the Angelus Church, 98-05 63rd Drive, Rego Park, NY 11374.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4213.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1754.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6464.00

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!



Tercer Domingo de Pascua

AQUEL MISMO DÍA . . .

Los dos componentes

principales del evangelio tan familiar de hoy giran sobre esta frase: "Aquel mismo día . . .". ¡Pero a qué momentos tan monumentales de gracia esta frase aparentemente insignificante sirve de umbral! El primer momento es cuando Cristo resucitado se une a los discípulos mientras van de camino. La segunda ocasión es cuando él se sienta a la mesa con ellos y parte el pan. También se dan dos "aperturas" en este pasaje del evangelio. La primera sucede cuando Jesús les "abre" o explica las Escrituras y el corazón de ellos arde con la llama de la fe. La segunda es cuando "se les abrieron los ojos" al reconocer a Jesús al partir el pan. Y así sucede, cada día del Señor, como sucedió "aquel mismo día" que al abrir la Palabra y en la fracción del pan reconocemos a Cristo entre nosotros.

ENCONTRAR A DIOS EN MEDIO DE LOS QUEBRANTOS

Los dos discípulos, al igual que muchos de nosotros hoy, tenían dificultad en encontrar la presencia de Dios en medio de una situación quebrantadora. Habían quebrado el cuerpo de su Señor en la cruz. Estaban confusos ante la tumba abierta –todavía sin saber lo que eso significaba– pensando quizás que habían cometido sacrilegio con el sepulcro. Sus sueños del reino de Dios que Jesús había predicado se habían roto también. Lucas nos dice que estaban "tristes". Seguramente no esperaban encontrar la presencia de Dios en ese forastero caminante a quien no reconocieron. Pero mientras seguían su camino junto a él, la explicación de la Escritura que les dio los inspiró a pedirle que se quedara con ellos y hasta lo invitaron a compartir su mesa. Fue entonces, en la fracción del pan y porque la gracia estuvo presente, que llegaron a entender, ver y creer. Su alegría venció su miedo de viajar después del anochecer (una empresa muy peligrosa en aquel tiempo y lugar) y partieron de prisa hacia Jerusalén para compartir la Buena Nueva. También nosotros tenemos que caminar con Jesús, dejar que él abra nuestros ojos y haga arder nuestro corazón. Entonces, venciendo todos nuestros temores con una fe alegre, debemos seguir adelante como mensajeros del evangelio.

Reporte Semanal de la Campaña Anual Católica 2014

Le agradecemos mucho a todos los que ya hicieron su promesa. Recuerde, todo el dinero recibido por encima de los \$47,883.00 regresara de nuevo a la parroquia.

Desde el 28 de Abril, 2014, 107 donantes hicieron su promesa, la cual ha llegado a un total \$32,571.00, esto representa un 2/3 de la meta diocesana de \$47,883.00.

Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado \$13,262.00; necesitamos \$34,621.00 mas para alcanzar nuestra meta diocesana. Sin embargo, nuestra meta es poder sobrepasar los \$47,883.00 para asegurarnos de que una buena cantidad de dinero regrese a nuestra parroquia. YO SE QUE PODEMOS HACERLO!

¿Puede el Padre Fulgencio contar con ustedes? No importa la cantidad de su promesa, \$5.00, \$25.00, \$500.00, lo que ustedes puedan. Lo importante es que todos nuestros feligreses hagan su promesa.

Si todavía no ha hecho su promesa, llene un formulario de compromiso y devuélvalo a la diócesis, póngalo en la canasta de la colecta en las misas del fin de semana, o llévalo a la rectoría. También, por favor hable con su familia, amigos y compañeros feligreses y pídale que hagan sus compromisos.

RECUERDE: que cada dólar sobre los \$47,883.00, desde ahora hasta el 15 de diciembre regresara a la parroquia.

NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA, APOYE A NUESTRA IGLESIA!

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

*Escriba en
su calendario*



Gane hasta \$3402 trabajando con el Departamento de Parques de NY en esta primavera! - El Departamento de Parques Verdes de NYC (GAPP) proporciona la oportunidad a personas de 18-24 años de ganar dinero y ganar experiencia laboral pagada participando en un Proyecto Verde en un parque local. Envíe su currículo y una declaración de interés (no más de 2 párrafos) al gapp@parks.nyc.gov.

Oportunidades de Empleo Renovando el Boardwalk

Hay una oficina abierta para aceptar solicitudes de empleo del entablado marítimo. La dirección es 9208 Rockaway Beach Blvd. Por favor visite la oficina para obtener información actualizada acerca de las oportunidades de empleo para la reconstrucción del Boardwalk.

Línea directa de Desastres para Propietarios—Para los propietarios que todavía no han podido resolver los conflictos con las aseguradoras, llame a la Línea de Desastres los cuales podrán responder a sus preguntas. También puede presentar quejas en : <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/filecomplaint.htm>.

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Continuación...

Taller de Asistencia Técnica del Huracán Sandy

Venga a un taller organizado por el Centro del Medio Ambiente de la Comunidad (CEC) y la Alianza de Reconstrucción Justa el Domingo, 04 de mayo 2:00-5:00pm en el auditorio de la Escuela Península Preparatoria en el auditorio de Santa María Estrella del Mar. Representantes de la Corporación del Desarrollo de la Comunidad Ocean Bay, la Operación Esperanza, la Cruz Roja Americana, Servicios de Desastres Interfe de Nueva York, el Centro de Cuidado Mundial, servicios legales, Servicios a la Comunidad YANA y otras organizaciones, estarán disponibles para contestar preguntas y proporcionar asistencia a las víctimas de Sandy y otros.

Conferencia Cumbre de la Juventud en Far Rockaway

La Conferencia de la Juventud 2014 en Far Rockaway tendrá lugar el Sábado, 10 de mayo 2014 de 10 a.m.-4 p.m. en la Academia Goldie Maple, 365 Beach 57 St Arverne. Habrá recursos, comida gratis, música, regalos, talleres y oradores invitados.

"Concejal Donovan Richards "Discurso del Distrito del

Estado 2014- el Concejal Richards presentará 2 "Discursos del Estado; una en los Rockaways y la otra en Laurelton. En Rockaway será el Jueves, 22 de mayo 2014 de 6:00-8:00pm en el "nuevo" YMCA - 207 Beach 3rd St en Arverne. Todos están invitados y se les anima a participar. Confirme su asistencia al 718 471-7014.

Empleos de Veranos para los Jóvenes - Las aplicaciones

están ahora disponibles en el Internet. Las personas interesadas en aplicar para un trabajo de verano pueden aplicar en el sitio web o imprimir la solicitud para llenarla a mano. Si completa una solicitud en línea, se le pedirá que seleccione el proveedor SYEP que desea trabajar. Para aplicación entre en- <https://application.nycsyep.com/>.

El Ejército de Salvación está aquí para ayudar al pueblo de

Far Rockaway - El Ejército de Salvación (Salvation Army) está aquí para ayudarle con problemas del Huracán Sandy. La Oficina de Recuperación del Ejército de Salvación de Rockaway esta abierta para ayudar a individuos afectados. Sus administradores han recibido formación especializada e información actualizada sobre los servicios y beneficios ofrecidos por las organizaciones públicas y privadas que trabajan en los esfuerzos de recuperación del huracán. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce necesita ayuda, por favor llame al (347) 926-416.

Foro de la Comunidad de FINY— Únase a nosotros el

Jueves, 8 de mayo 2014 de 6:00-8:30 PM para planear un foro y rally de 2.000, donde se discutirán estrategias para reunirse con el alcalde de Blasio, con respecto a las promesas que nos hizo para eliminar la "historia de dos ciudades", y la separación de Rockaways. Es muy importante su participación. Nos reuniremos en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Angelus, 98-05 63a Drive, Rego Park, NY 11374.