

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: (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 17, 2014

- 5:00 pm - Elizabeth Odiari (birthday)
Caterin Donker
- 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)
Carmen Rivera (dec)
Tobias Gutierrez (dec)

Sunday, May 18, 2014 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am - Mass available
- 9:45 am - Legion de Maria
Gabina Rosario (dec)
Santiago Arauz (dec)
Carlos Salazar y Familia (acción de gracias)
- 11:30 am - Divino Niño (acción de gracias)
Otilia Garcia (dec)
Alejandra Soria (acción de gracias)
Familia Luna Soria (acción de gracias)
Presentación de la bebe Ximena Elizabeth Garcia
Presentación del bebe Nathan Manuel Menendez
- 1:15 pm - Mary B. Waldron

Monday, May 19, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Winnie Kent (dec)

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 - St. Bernadine of Siena

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, May 21, 2014 - St. Christopher Magallanes & companions

- 12:10 pm - Phyllis Carlson (dec)

Thursday, May 22, 2014 - St. Rita of Cascia

- 12:10 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory by Sinecio Gutierrez

Friday, May 23, 2014

- 12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls
- 7:30 pm - Por las Almas del Purgatorio por Sinecio Gutierrez

Saturday, May 24, 2014

- 5:00 pm - Emmanuel Odiari (thanksgiving)
- 7:30 pm - Cecilia Delgado (dec)

Sunday, May 25, 2014 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am - The Rosary Society
- 9:45 am - Por las almas de purgatorio
- 11:30 am - Misa disponible
- 1:15 pm - Martin & Pearl Waldron
Yves Marcial Joseph (thanksgiving)

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 - \$5680.12

Second Collection – \$1985.00

First Collection Last Year: \$5837.00

(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 24 & 25, 2014

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Kevin Robles, Bianca Salonga
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Zarate, Wendy Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabriele Forbes - Bennett, Chinelan Chukwu, Adaora Madubuko
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM - Sebastian Rosas, Hilda Hernandez, Lexa Torres, Cinthia Contreras
- Sun. 1:15 PM– Miguel Garcia, Iziegbeuwa Odia, Dennys Castillo

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Acts 6:1-7 * Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,18-19 * Jn 14:1-12
- Mon** * Acts 14:5-18 * Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 * Jn 14:21-26
- Tues** * Acts 14:19-28 * Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 * Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed** * Acts 15:1-6 * Ps 122:1-5 * Jn 15:1-8
- Thurs** * Acts 15:7-21 * Ps 96:1-3, 10 * Jn 15:9-11
- Fri** * Acts 15:22-31 * Ps 57:8-12 * Jn 15:12-17
- Sat** * Acts 16:1-10 * Ps 100:1b-3, 5 * Jn 15:18-21

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK: In memory of a departed relative or friend.

FLOWERS (each arrangement)	\$55.00
BREAD AND WINE	\$50.00
CANDLES	\$15.00

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these.” Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



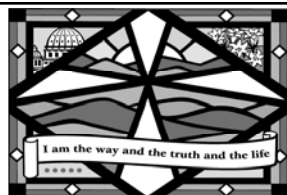
The Sick: Odette Williams, Adeline Labatte, Miguel Mena, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla.

All the faithful departed especially Blanca Negrón.

An Invitation



“Don't just come to Church, be the Church”



Fifth Sunday of Easter

LOST IN ROME

A few years ago, while on a pilgrimage to Rome, I found myself boarding a bus that I thought was headed in the direction of my hotel. As the bus continued along its route I began to wonder if we were going in the right direction. The hotel was close to St. Peter's basilica, so as long as I could glimpse the dome of St. Peter's I figured I was all right. High on one of Rome's famous hills, the bus came to a stop and the driver announced that this was the end of the line. I disembarked and could very clearly see the dome of St. Peter's. It seemed like I could just reach out and touch it. Unfortunately, I had no way of knowing how to get there. It looked close enough, but with Rome's winding streets, it was probably miles away.

THE WAY

During our spiritual journey we can become frustrated by what we perceive as a lack of progress toward an intimate union with our God. Because we have tasted the goodness of God in the past, we know what that taste is like, yet it so often remains elusive. It's like glimpsing the dome of St. Peter's but having no idea how to return there. Today we are reminded once again that there really is only one way to achieve intimate union with God. Jesus reminds us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. If we are frustrated with our lack of progress on our faith journey, then coming to Mass this week has been the best remedy, for here we listen to the Lord's very words and become intimately connected with him in the Eucharist. After a lot of effort, I was able to get a taxi back to my hotel in Rome. Our journey to God requires effort on our part as well. This is why we make the commitment to gather each week with fellow pilgrims, traveling the journey of discipleship that we hope will one day lead to one of the many dwelling places prepared for us in God's house.

ROSARY FOR LIFE INC.

A Day of Retreat will be given at Good Shepherd Parish, 1950 Batchelder St. & Ave. S, Brooklyn, NY on June 28, 2014 by Bishop Frank Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, Ct. The day will begin at 8:30 am, include Mass and end around 4:00 pm with an opportunity for individual confessions. All are invited. For reservations contact Wyn at 78-377-6920 by June 25th. Registration Fee of \$25 (includes lunch) must accompany the reservation.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT THE PAUL GIVES BACK

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude should share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. **Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525.** Thank you for your participation.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA AND ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

Congratulations to the following students who were Confirmed by Bishop Cabezas on Friday, May 9, 2014

Roberto Aguiar	Rogelio Garilta Lozano
Alejandro Alfaro	Kevin Marquina-Diaz
Amanda Alvarez-Castro	Elsa de La Cruz Martinez
Marisela Amaya	Fernando Jose Martinez
Yoselin Amaya	Lesley Martinez
Jorge Ayala Hernandez	Gabrielle Mitchell
Axel Canton-Lopez	Ashleigh Kathryn Mercado
Chinelan Chukwu	Johanna Navarro
Jeison Fernandez-Flores	Ivie Odia
Diana Flores Maldonado	Letty Sophia Ramirez
Lisbed Yajaira Flores	Jesus Rosales
Osbaldo Adoni Flores	Christian Adam Rodriguez
Jeffrey Garcia	Alexis Small
Alyssa Guerra	Juan Alberto Santos
Adrian Guzman	Bryan Sanchez Mejia
Allison Hasin	Armando Smith
Jennifer Hercules	Jesse Smith
Jason Hernandez-Guardado	Jessli Turcios
Selena del Carmen Hernandez	Maria Turcios
Elsy Herrera	Brian Vinueza
Lourdes Lopez	Jalene Alicia Vitiello-Benitez

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS!

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 May 12, 2014 we have 112 donors who pledged \$33,131.00, which represent approximately 2/3 of our Diocesan goal of \$47,883.00. We need \$14,752.00 in pledges to make our 2014 diocesan goal. So far, we've collected \$14,458.00; we have \$33,425.00 to go to satisfy 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 you 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



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.

Plumbers Recruit Apprentices—Recruitment for 100 plumber apprentices will be conducted by the Joint Apprenticeship Training for Plumbers Local Union #1. The recruitment period will be held between June 9, 2014 through June 20, 2014. **Applications must be obtained in person by the applicant at the union's office** at 37-11 47th Avenue, Long Island, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For requirements and information call the union at 718 752-9630.

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>.

Rental Assistance for those impacted by Hurricane Sandy

Mayor de Blasio announces immediate expansion of assistance for low-income New Yorkers who were displaced by Hurricane Sandy and are facing high rent burden. The federally-funded Temporary Disaster Assistance Program (TDAP) has been expanded to provide rental assistance. For more information, contact Malik Sanders at Councilman Donovan Richards office on 718 471-7014, or by email at CMDonovanRichards@gmail.com.

Councilman Donovan Richards 'State of the District'

Address for 2014—Please attend Councilman Richards 'state of the district' address in the Rockaways on Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the "new" Rockaway YMCA – 207 Beach 73rd St in Arverne. All are invited and are encouraged to participate. Please RSVP at 718 471-7014.

Rockaway Hearing on Water Rates - The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be holding a public hearing in Far Rockaway regarding the new water rates in NYC. The combination of the lowest raise in a decade, a new water bill assistance program and the extension of forgiveness programs will provide New Yorkers with greater options to lower their water bills. For information attend the hearing, which will be held on Tue. May 20th at 7:00pm at the Bayswater Jewish Center – 2355 Healy Avenue, in Far Rockaway.

Borough President's Task Force on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Maltreatment & Elder Abuse

Meeting Notice: Wednesday, May 28th at 10 AM – Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens, NY 11424, Room 213, Part B. Light refreshments will be served.

Sandy Oversight Hearing – Tuesday, May 20, 2014

NYC Comptroller Scott Springer heads the Sandy Oversight Unit, a first-of-its-kind initiative that will hold government accountable in the rebuilding of NYC from Superstorm Sandy. The hearing will take place at Mt. Carmel Baptist, 348 Beach 71st St in Arverne. RSVP to 212 669-4315 or email: conference@comptroller.nyc.gov.

The Salvation Army is here to help the people of

Far Rockaway - The Salvation Army Rockaway Recovery Office has opened and is accepting impacted individuals for disaster case management. 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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$5680.12
Segunda Colecta: \$1985.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5837.00

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!

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.

Hasta el 12 de Mayo, 2014, 112 donantes hicieron su promesa, la cual ha llegado a un total \$33,131.00, esto representa un 2/3 de la meta diocesana de \$47,883.00. Necesitamos 14,752.00 en promesas mas para llegar a nuestra meta.

Hasta ahora, hemos recaudado \$14,458.00; todavía falta \$33,425.00 mas para alcanzar nuestra meta diocesana. Sin embargo, nuestra objetivo 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!



Quinto Domingo de Pascua

PERDIDO EN ROMA

Hace algunos años, mientras iba de peregrinaje a Roma, subí a un autobús que creí que se dirigía hacia mi hotel. Mientras el autobús seguía su recorrido, comencé a preguntarme si estábamos yendo en la dirección correcta. El hotel estaba cerca de la basílica de San Pedro, así es que pensé que siempre y cuando pudiese vislumbrar la cúpula de la basílica estaría en el camino correcto. En lo alto de una de las famosas montañas de Roma, el autobús se detuvo y el conductor anunció que ese era el fin del recorrido. Bajé y pude ver claramente la cúpula de la basílica. Parecía estar tan cerca que podía tocarla. Lamentablemente, no tenía forma de saber cómo llegar allí. Parecía estar muy cerca, pero las calles de Roma son muy sinuosas y probablemente me encontraba a kilómetros de distancia.

EL CAMINO

A lo largo de nuestro camino espiritual podemos frustrarnos con lo que nos parece falta de progreso hacia una unión íntima con Dios. Conocemos ya la bondad de Dios por haberla probado antes, sin embargo muchas veces nos resulta inalcanzable. Es como vislumbrar la cúpula de la basílica de San Pedro, pero sin tener idea de cómo volver allí. Hoy se nos recuerda una vez más que hay en realidad un solo camino para lograr una unión íntima con Dios. Jesús nos recuerda que él es el camino, la verdad y la vida. Si nos frustramos por la falta de progreso en nuestro camino de fe, haber venido a Misa esta semana ha sido el mejor remedio, porque aquí escuchamos la palabra del Señor y nos unimos íntimamente a él en la eucaristía.

Luego de mucho esfuerzo, pude conseguir un taxi que me llevara de vuelta a mi hotel en Roma. Nuestro camino hacia Dios también exige esfuerzo de nuestra parte. Es por eso que nos comprometemos a reunirnos cada semana con otros compañeros peregrinos, para juntos hacer el camino del discipulado, que esperamos nos lleve algún día a una de las muchas moradas preparadas para nosotros en la casa de Dios.

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 currículum y una declaración de interés (no más de 2 párrafos) al gapp@parks.nyc.gov.

Reclutamiento de Plomeros aprendices— Se llevara a cabo contratación de personal para 100 plomeros aprendices en el Entrenamiento de Aprendizaje Conjunto para Plomeros Unión Local # 1. El periodo de reclutamiento se llevará a cabo entre el 09 de junio 2014 hasta el 20 de junio de 2014. Las solicitudes deben ser obtenidos personalmente por el solicitante en la oficina del sindicato en el 37-11 47th Avenue, Long Island, de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 AM a 3: 00. Para conocer los requisitos y la información adicional llame a la unión al 718 752-9630.

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 quienes podrán responder a sus preguntas. También puede presentar quejas en: <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/filecomplaint.htm>.

Asistencia de alquiler para afectados por el huracán Sandy

El Alcalde de Blasio anuncio la expansión inmediata de asistencia para los neoyorquinos de bajo ingresos que fueron afectados por el huracán Sandy y se enfrentan a la carga de alquiler alto. El Programa de Asistencia para Desastres Temporal con fondos federales (Tdap) se ha ampliado para proporcionar ayuda para el alquiler. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Malik Sanders en la oficina del Concejal Donovan Richards al 718 471-7014 o por correo electrónico a CMDonovanRichards@gmail.com.

"Concejal Donovan Richards "Discurso del Distrito del

Estado 2014— Asista al "Discursos del Estado del Concejal Richards en Rockaway 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.

Audiencia en Rockaway sobre las tarifas del agua - El Departamento de Protección Ambiental (DEP) celebrará una audiencia pública en Far Rockaway en relación con las nuevas tarifas de agua en Nueva York. En combinación con el aumento de sueldo más bajo en una década, un nuevo programa de asistencia con la factura del agua y la extensión de los programas de condonación proveerá a los neoyorquinos mayores opciones para reducir sus facturas de agua. Para obtener información asista a esta audiencia, que se celebrará el 20 de Mayo a las 7:00 pm en el Centro Judío Bayswater - 2355 Healy Avenue, en Far Rockaway.

Audiencia de Supervisión de Sandy - Martes, 20 de mayo

2014 - El Administrador de la Ciudad de NY Scott Springer estará dirigiendo la Unidad de Supervisión de Sandy, la primera iniciativa que hará al gobierno responsable de la reconstrucción de la ciudad de Nueva York desde Huracán Sandy. La audiencia se llevará a cabo en el Mt. Carmel Baptist, 348 Beach 71st St en Arverne. Reservación al 212-669-4315 o al: conference@comptroller.nyc.gov.