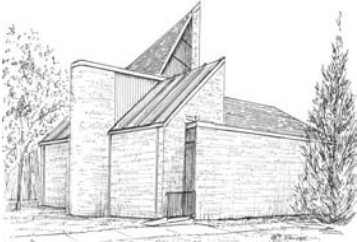


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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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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), 11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Saturday
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

ENGLISH CHOIR: FRIDAY 7:30 PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: SATURDAY 11:00 AM

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

Jornada Youth Group: Fridays 8:00 PM

Haitian Committee: Sunday 10:30 AM

JDV Group: Wednesdays 8:00 P.M.

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

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, May 18, 2013**

- 5:00 pm - Mary O'Toole (dec)
Eli y Leonor Becerra (Thanksgiving)
Brian Ely Becerra (Graduation)
- 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)
Eli y Leonor Becerra (Thanksgiving)
Brian Ely Becerra (Graduation)

Sunday, May 19, 2013 - Pentecost Sunday

- 8:15 am - Arsen Rose & Violine Mehala (dec)
Jeanette Promax (dec)
Felino Punsalan (dec)
Bertrand o Iloka (dec)
Eli y Leonor Becerra (Thanksgiving)
Brian Ely Becerra (Graduation)
- 9:45 am - Luciano Benito (dec)
Eli y Leonor Becerra (Thanksgiving)
Brian Ely Becerra (Graduation)
- 11:30 am - Hermenegildo Ojeda (dec)
Cruz Maria Rivera (dec)
Irma & Eduardo Castro (dec)
Miguel Angel Aleman (dec)
Ricardo y Gladys Luna (Acción de Gracias)
Esther y Angel Rodriguez (50 aniv. de bodas)
Eli y Leonor Becerra (Thanksgiving)
Brian Ely Becerra (Graduation)
- 1:15 pm - Louis Des Armour (dec)
Eli y Leonor Becerra (Thanksgiving)
Brian Ely Becerra (Graduation)

Monday, May 20, 2013 - St. Bernardine of Siena

- 12:10 pm - Camille A. Marcos & Josue Napa (Wedding)

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 - St. Christopher Magallanes

- 12:10 pm - Matthew Glomb (dec)

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 - St. Rita of Cascia

- 12:10 pm - Rosa & Ludwig Meyer (60th wed. anniv.)

Thursday, May 23, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Mass for the People

Friday, May 24, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Souls in Purgatory
Maria Auxiliadora (Thanksgiving)

Saturday, May 25, 2013 - St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

- 5:00 pm - Mass for the People
7:30 pm - Doris Emilia Mendoza (dec)

Sunday, May 26, 2013 - The Most Holy Trinity

- 8:15 am - Rosary Society, Derrick Heron (healing)
9:45 am - Mass for the People
11:30 am - Hermenegildo Ojeda (dec)
Johanna Carolina Vasquez (dec)
Por las Almas del Purgatorio
1:15 pm - Mass for the People

**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 - \$5454.00

Second Collection- \$1327.00

First Collection Last Year: \$7449.00

(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.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Acts 2:1-11 * Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31,34 * Jn 20:19-23

Mon * Sir 1:1-10 * Ps 93:1-2, 5 * Mk 9:14-29

Tues * Sir 2:1-11 * Ps 37:3-4,18-18, 27-28, 39-40 * Mk 9:30-37

Wed * Sir 4:11-19 * Ps 119:165,168,171-172,174-175 * Mk 9:38-40

Thurs * Sir 5:1-8 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Mk 9:41-50

Fri * Sir 6:5-17 * Ps 119:12,16,18,27,34, 35 * Mk 10:1-12

Sat * Sir 17:1-15 * Ps 103:13-18 * Mk 10:13-16

Altar Server Assignments for May 24 & 25, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM - Bianca Salonga, Christian Rodriguez, Jude Ikhalea

Sat. 7:30 PM - Jeison Fernandez, Evin Flores, Miguel Garcia

Sun. 8:15 AM - Jacques Mathieu, Iziegbeuwa Odia

Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo

Sun. 11:30 AM - Sebastian Rosas, Melissa Ventura, Jossabeth Castaneda

Sun. 1:15 PM - Jamal Michel, Christina Gonsalves, Charisma Gonsalves



The Sick: Compton Payne, Tere Mejia, Susana Damian, Edwin Cardona, Geraldine Miller, Derrick Heron, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.

The faithful departed: All the faithful departed.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for

Brian Eli Becerra.

The flowers are given in thanksgiving for

Brian Eli Becerra.

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for

Brian Eli Becerra.



Pentecost Sunday

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME

Many times in the Hebrew scriptures we see God coming to earth as a mighty wind. So when we hear of the mighty wind filling the house in Acts today, we know without being told that God is there, acting among the disciples. God fills them, and us, with the Holy Spirit. The disciples are able to preach the Good News to all the peoples of the earth, gathered there symbolically in Jerusalem. God wants the word to spread beyond the Mediterranean, eventually all the way to the Arctic Sea!

And the word is unity. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are all one in Christ. There are different gifts given to each member of the body, but each gift is a manifestation of the Spirit. Each person, each culture of people has different gifts. That's what makes the body of Christ strong. Let us take care never to suppress another's gifts, even though we might not understand them. To suppress a gift would give injury to the body of Christ.

UNITED IN LOVE

All throughout this Easter season, we have heard about the radical love Jesus calls us to share in this world. God gives us the Spirit so that we humans have the strength to love as Jesus loved. This love that doesn't discriminate, that celebrates the diverse gifts of God's creation, this is the love that we have the power to share. To love as Christ loves, to act as Jesus did, is something you and I can do because we are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. We can be people of peace, we can feed the hungry, clothe the naked. We can choose not to go to war. We can choose to lift up the gifts of those different from us. We are Christians—we are people of love.

The Year of Faith

During the year of faith, please consider taking home the Vocations Cross for one week. Invite your family, friends, neighborhoods and fellow parishioners to join you to pray for our priests, deacons and religious; in addition to praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Remember, without priests, there can be no Eucharist; the Eucharist is the center of our faith.



Prayer for the "Year of Faith"

Heavenly Father and God of Mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHOSEN, NOT PERFECT

As adults we can become solemn and even anxious about faith, taking ourselves much too seriously. We may think we have to be perfect before God can use us or make a home in our hearts. Today we remember Pentecost when, as promised, the power of the Holy Spirit was poured out onto the apostles. We do not have to be perfect for the Spirit to fill us. Remember this widely-distributed list of unlikely characters: *Adam* was a coward. *Noah* was a drunk. *Sarah* was too old. *Isaac* was a daydreamer. *Jacob* was a liar. *Joseph* was abused. *Moses* had a stuttering problem. *Gideon* was afraid. *Rahab* was a "lady of the evening". *Jeremiah* was too young. *David* had an affair and was a murderer. *Isaiah* preached naked. *Jonah* ran from God. *Naomi* was a widow. *Job* went bankrupt. *John the Baptist* ate bugs. *Peter* denied Christ—three times. *Martha* worried about everything. *Three Apostles* fell asleep while praying. *Mary Magdalene* was mentally ill. *The Samaritan* woman was divorced more than once. *Zaccheus* was too small. *Paul* was too religious. *Timothy* had an ulcer and *Lazarus* was dead!

Living Stewardship Now...

God gives us the give of the Holy Spirit to help build up others in a life of faith. Is there some calling deep in your heart that you are afraid you have no talent or training for? Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you to fulfill the calling and equip you to do it.

VOCATION CROSS

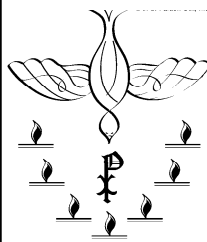
Taking the Vocation Cross Home for the month of:

May 26, 2013 Grupo del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús
June 2, 2013 James O. Iloka

Please sign on to take home the Vocations Cross for a week of prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life and to the diaconate. The sign-up sheets may be found in the church lobby.

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



Pentecost Sunday

"The Spirit gave them ability." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



COMMUNION 2013

Congratulations to the students of the Religious Education Program who received First Holy Communion on May 11, 2013.

Jeyslin Acosta	Catherine Montalban Martinez
Sebastian Alexander	Jaleen Moore
Allen Alvarenga	Jason Perez
Aida Alvarez Castro	Vincent Pinto
Ashlyn Arguera	David Quintanilla
Jancarlo Arteaga	Adriana Ramirez
Rebecca Augustia	Ashlee Rodriguez
Patrice Benson	Jose Rodriguez
Abigail Campos	Ydelisa Rodriguez
Tiffany Carcamo	Tiffany Rosales
Romario Compere	Luis Ruiz Lopez
Shelsy Guardado	Kevin Saravia Alvarado
Karla Hernandez Umanzor	Francheska Severino
Ashley Imbacuan	Christian Taveras
Fatima Lopez Damas	Ashley Ulloa
Jaileen Martinez Gomez	Jefferson Velasquez Gamez
Jasmin Mazariego	Monica Ventura Ayala

Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

The 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal is in full motion. **For this year, and this year only**, our diocesan goal has been adjusted to a lower rate of \$23,942.00. This presents a great opportunity for us to raise more money for our parish.

Remember, all money received above the \$23,942.00 will be returned to the parish.

Wow! We are doing fantastic!!! As of 5-13-13 we have commitments totaling \$42,121.00 received from 186 pledges. WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL. We have already collected \$19,258.50 so far. We are well on our way to receiving a big payoff for our parish. Thank you for your commitment and for your continuing generosity. 186 represents about 18% of our registered parishioners. Imagine what we can raise with 25%, 30%, 40%, and even 50% or more of our parishioners making a pledge!

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, encourage your family, friends and fellow-parishioners to make their commitments.

REMEMBER: that every dollar over \$23,942.00 that is collected is returned to our parish. Please continue to make your payments before December 31, 2013. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

1st Annual Gospel Breakfast and Raffle

The Rosary Society is having their 1st Annual Gospel Breakfast and raffle on Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 510 Beach 20th Street, in the Boces Center. Donations are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Raffles are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of 6 raffles. For more information call Janet Thomas on 718 309-1748.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Because of your support, millions of faithful can gain a deeper understanding of their faith through Catholic resources on the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our diocese to support local communication projects. To learn more about the important work supported by the Collection CCC, please visit www.usccb.org (search "Catholic Communication Campaign").

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.

school NEWS

St. Camillus School would like to announce the opening of an ALL DAY Pre-K beginning in September 2013, space is limited! Space is also still available in our Brand New State of the Art Kindergarten Classroom as well. Please call to schedule a visit 718-634-5260.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5454.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1327.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7449.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: **\$8756.25**

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!

Campaña Católica de la Comunicación

Gracias a su generosidad en la Colecta de la semana pasada para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC). Gracias a su apoyo, millones de fieles lograron comprender mas profundamente su fe a través de los recursos católicos en la Internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. Recuerden que la mitad de sus donativos permanecen en nuestra diócesis para financiar los proyectos locales en el campo de las comunicaciones. Para informarse mas acerca de la importante labor que financia la Colecta de la CCC, por favor visiten www.usccb.org (busquen "Catholic Communication Campaign").



Domingo de Pentecostés

VEN, ESPÍRITU SANTO, VEN

Muchas veces en las Escrituras hebreas vemos a Dios venir a la tierra como un fuerte viento. De modo que cuando hoy escuchamos en el libro de los Hechos, que un fuerte viento llena la casa, sabemos sin que se nos diga, que Dios está allí, actuando entre los discípulos. Dios los llena, y nos llena también a nosotros de su Santo Espíritu. Los discípulos pueden predicar la Buena Nueva a todos los pueblos de la tierra, reunidos simbólicamente en Jerusalén. Dios quiere que su palabra se extienda más allá del Mediterráneo y, en su día, ¡hasta el Océano Ártico!

Y la orden es de unidad. Todos somos uno en Cristo, por el poder del Espíritu Santo. Hay diferentes dones en cada miembro del cuerpo, pero cada don es una manifestación del Espíritu. Cada persona, cada cultura, tiene diferentes talentos. Eso es lo que hace fuerte al Cuerpo de Cristo. Tengamos cuidado de nunca sofocar los dones de los demás, aunque no los entendamos. El ahogar un don podría herir el Cuerpo de Cristo.

UNIDOS EN EL AMOR

Durante todo este tiempo de Pascua, se nos ha hablado del amor radical que Jesús nos llama a compartir en este mundo. Dios nos da el Espíritu para que nosotros los humanos tengamos el valor de amar como Jesús amó. Ese amor que no discrimina, que celebra la diversidad de dones presentes en la creación de Dios, éste es el amor que tenemos el poder de compartir. Amar como Cristo amó, actuar como lo hizo Jesús, es algo que tú y yo podemos hacer porque estamos llenos del poder del Espíritu Santo. Podemos ser personas de paz, podemos alimentar al hambriento, vestir al desnudo. Podemos escoger no ir a la guerra. Podemos escoger respetar los talentos de quienes son diferentes a nosotros. Somos cristianos. Somos personas de amor.

Domingo de Pentecostés

"El Espíritu les concedía expresarse." Es el Espíritu Santo que te prepara a compartir la misión del Señor como un Sacerdote, Diácono o en la vida consagrada? Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (718) 827-2454 o correo electrónico: vocations@diobrook.org.



Primer Desayuno y Rifa Anual de la Sociedad del Rosario

La Sociedad del Rosario tendrá su primer desayuno y rifa anual del Evangelio el Sábado, 8 de junio 2013 de 10 a.m. a 2:00 p.m. en el Centro Boces, 510 Beach 20th Street. Donación: \$20.00 por adulto y \$10.00 por niño. El costo de la rifa es \$1.00 por cada boleto o \$ 5.00 por un librito de 6. Para más información llame a Janet Thomas en 718 309-1748.

El Año de la Fe

Durante el Año de la Fe, por favor traten de llevar a casa la Cruz de Vocaciones por una semana.

Invite a su familia, amigos, vecinos y feligreses a unirse para rezar por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas, y también por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio. Recuerden, sin sacerdotes, no tendríamos Eucaristía, y la Eucaristía es el centro de nuestra fe.



Oración del Año de la Fe

Padre Celestial y Dios de Misericordia, ya no buscamos a Jesús entre los muertos, pues Él está vivo y se ha convertido en el Señor de vida. De las aguas de la muerte nos levanta con Él y renuevas Tú don de vida dentro de nosotros. Aumenta en nuestras mentes y corazones la vida resucitada que compartimos con Cristo y ayúdanos a crecer contigo como tu pueblo hacia la plenitud de la vida eterna. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amen.

Noticias escolares

La Escuela San Camilo se complace en anunciar la apertura del Programa de Pre-K de TODO EL DÍA comenzando en Septiembre del 2013, el espacio es limitado! También hay espacio en el totalmente modernizado Programa de Kindergarten. Favor de llamar para programar una visita al 718-634-5260.

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

La Campaña Anual Católica 2013 está en pleno proceso. Este año, solamente este año, se ha ajustado a una cantidad mucho menor, a una cantidad de \$23,942.00 en promesas. Esto representa una gran oportunidad para que nosotros podamos recaudar más fondos para nuestra parroquia.

Recuerde que todo el dinero recibido sobre los \$23,942.00 será devuelto a la parroquia.

Wow! Estamos haciendo fantástico! A partir del 5/13/13 hemos recibido un total de \$ 42.121.00 de solo 186 promesas. HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRA META

DIOCESANA. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$ 19,258.50 . Estamos en camino de recibir una gran recompensa para nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su compromiso y por su continua generosidad. 186 representa alrededor del 18% de nuestros feligreses registrados. Imagínese lo que puede aumentar con el 25%, 30%, 40% y hasta un 50% o más de nuestros feligreses si hacen una promesa!

Si todavía no ha hecho su promesa, por favor llene un formulario de compromiso y devuélvalo a la diócesis, deposítelo en la canasta de la colecta durante las misas del fin de semana, o llévelo a la rectoría. Además, por favor trate de animar a su familia, amigos y compañeros feligreses para que hagan sus promesas.

Recuerde: Cada dólar sobre los \$23,942.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Por favor siga haciendo sus pagos antes del 31 de Diciembre, 2013. **NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA!**