

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:

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 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

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

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 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)
Susan Suarez (dec)
June Lebron & Danilo Espinal (dec)
Por las Almas del Purgatorio
Yolanda Reyes de Reyes (sanación)
1:15 pm - Mass for the People

Monday, May 27, 2013 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

9:00 pm - Zeising Family

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

12:10 pm - Maria Rosario Paredes (dec)

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass for the Sick

Thursday, May 30, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass for the People

Friday, May 31, 2013 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 pm - Rev. Joseph Jude Gannon (10th anniv. Ordination)
7:30 pm - Misa por la Comunidad

Saturday, June 1, 2013 - St. Justin

5:00 pm - Luz Torres (dec)
7:30 pm - Maria Paredes (dec)
Presentacion del bebe Brandon Ezequiel Ostorga

Sunday, June 2, 2013 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:15 am - Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Francis Ikhalea (birthday)
9:45 am - Maria Paredes (dec)
11:30 am - Hermenegildo Ojeda (dec)
Severina Polanco (dec)
1:15 pm - Divino Niño Jesus - Acción de Gracias



The Sick: Mary Morin, Maria Milagros Rivera Santiago, Compton Payne, Edwin Cardona, Geraldine Miller, Derrick Heron, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.

The faithful departed: All the faithful departed.

The Most Holy Trinity

"We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God." How do you hope to share in God's glory...as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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 - \$5011.45
Second Collection- \$1667.00

First Collection Last Year: \$5308.95

(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 * Prv 8:22-31 * Ps 8:4-9 * Jn 16:12-15
Mon * Sir 17:20-24 * Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 * Mk 10:17-27
Tues * Sir 35:1-12 * Ps 50:5-8,14-, 23 * Mk 10:28-31
Wed * Sir 36:1, 4-5,10-17 * Ps 79:8-9,11,13 * Mk 10:32-45
Thurs * Sir 42:15-25 * Ps 33:2-9 * Mk 10:46-52
Fri * Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16 * Is (Ps) 12:2-3,4-6 * Lk 1:39-56
Sat * Sir 51:12-20 * Ps 19:8-11 * Mk 11:27-33

Altar Server Assignments for June 1 & 2, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM - Bianca Salonga, Christian Rodriguez
Sat. 7:30 PM - Axel Lopez, Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada
Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo, Kimora George
Sun. 11:30 AM- Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Zarate, Dennys Castillo
Sun. 1:15 PM - Stephan Jean-Michel, Henry Jean-Michel, Christina Gonsalves

VOCATION CROSS

Taking the Vocation Cross Home for the month of:

June 2, 2013 James O. Iloka
June 9, 2013 Rosa Dubon

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.



OFFICE CLOSED

This Monday is Memorial Day, a National Holiday, the rectory office will be closed. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. Please join us!



The Most Holy Trinity

A BANANA AND THE TRINITY

My favorite religion teacher in grammar school would often use everyday items to explain a term particularly difficult for us to grasp. When it came to describing the reality of the Holy Trinity, we were all surprised to see her hold up a banana at the front of the room. She peeled back the skin of the banana and sliced a half-inch thick piece from the center of the banana. She began to slowly roll the slice back and forth between her fingers and our eyes nearly popped out of our heads when the one slice seemed to separate magically into three equal sections. She said, "Each section is still a banana, yet each is distinctly taken from the whole banana." There was something about this that made sense to each of us, as we struggled to figure out exactly how the Trinity "worked"—three persons in one God. I remember quite clearly running home that day and trying the exercise on a banana on our kitchen counter. I sliced that banana into about ten pieces and each time I rolled a slice back and forth in my fingers, behold, three distinct equal sections fell into my hand.

AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

This image has remained with me and reenters my consciousness each time the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Each year we stand before this mystery. Some of us try to wrap our brains around it. Others simply let the liturgical celebration pass us by. Perhaps this feast is calling us to do something that we normally don't do in this world of ours, which is so full of the practical. This day could simply be calling us to stand in awe at the presence and power of God. Today is the day to be reminded that ours is an awesome God, who, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, created us, redeemed us, and continues to break into our lives in surprising and mysterious ways.

The Pastoral Institute of the Diocese of Brooklyn announces the commissioning of

Rosa Miranda

as a Lay Pastoral Leader for the Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude. She has completed the three-year Lay Ministry Program sponsored by the Pastoral Institute.

The Bishops of the United States have said:

"The laity's call to holiness is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Their response is a gift to the Church and the world."

Our Parish is grateful to Rosa for her commitment of service. Congratulations Rosa!

Trip to Dorney Park – St. Mary's will have a trip to Dorney Park on Saturday, July 13, 2013. Departure time is at 8:00 A.M. The cost of the trip is \$65.00 that will cover the transportation and entrance to the park. For information, please call Zoila Herrera at 516-633-6017.

MYSTERY

A teacher was talking with his students about mystery. "Think of a rose", he said. Everyone in the room could imagine a rose. "Imaging its fragrance." All heads nodded. "Describe it." No one could. Our modern minds want "just the facts," but mystery is truth that cannot be pinned down. Today is the feast of the Holy Trinity: one God in three persons. In the history of the Church, many scholars have described the Trinity, but none can provide a final definition because the Trinity is beyond words. The scriptures show the actions of God as Father, Son, and Spirit and contain references to their relationship. Jesus tells his disciples there is one savior and one salvation, give to us in Jesus Christ himself, which is open to us through the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul says we are the Body of Christ and in relationship with God, equally called, chosen, and loved. Yet God gives us different gifts, abilities, and callings and asks only for our love in return and that we use what God has given us. It's that simple.



Living Stewardship Now... God does not want us simply to acquire a set of beliefs in the Trinity or any of its three Persons, but to leap into the divine embrace. What's holding you back? What are you going to do about it?



SAVE THE DATE

"Year of Faith"

Bishop Frank Caggiano will be visiting our parish us on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM for Evening Prayer. Let us all come out to welcome the bishop and join him for Evening Prayer. At 6:30 PM, prior to the Evening Prayer, we will pray the Rosary.



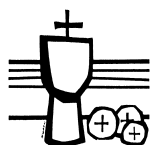
YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

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, during this year of Faith, we pray that the prayerful and public celebration of our faith would be a source of life for all of the Christian faithful. Let all of us be transformed during this year! We also pray for missionaries throughout the world. May the Churches in mission territories be signs and instruments of hope and resurrection during the Easter season. *Pope Benedict XVI*



COMMUNION 2013

Congratulations to the students of the Religious Education Program who received First Holy Communion on May 18, 2013.

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| Lilyvette Alvarez | Evelyn Martinez |
| Ernesto Ardon | Fernando Martinez |
| Jennifer Ardon | Jacqueline Martinez |
| Damaris Cantor Fajardo | Yuri Martinez |
| Edvin Encarnacion | Steven Molinares |
| Evelyn Encarnacion | Princess Ovin |
| Grissel Encarnacion | Kayla Perez |
| Jennifer Enamorado | Evelyn Ramirez Ramos |
| Anthony Fortun | Anthony Taveras |
| Rebecca Guevara Avalos | Hilary Taveras |
| Lourdes Lopez | Randy Taveras |
| Diana Maldonado Flores | Yeudi Taveras |
| Brenda Martinez | Anthony Tortola Mansilla |
| Christopher Martinez | Enrique Villarman |
- Carlos Zapata Salgado

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 5-20-13 we have commitments totaling \$43,461.00 received from 195 pledges. WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL. We have already collected \$20,403.50 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. 195 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: \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Raffles are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of 6 raffles. For information call Janet Thomas at 718 309-1748.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5011.45
Segunda Colecta: \$1667.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5308.95

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!



La Santísima Trinidad

EL BANANO Y LA TRINIDAD

Quando estaba en la escuela elemental, mi profesora favorita de religión siempre se pasaba usando cosas muy corrientes para explicar ideas que, de lo contrario, se nos hubieran hecho difíciles de comprender. Cuando llegó la hora de explicar la Santísima Trinidad, nos sorprendimos de verla llegar a clase con un banano en la mano. Lo peló y enseguida cortó un pedazo del centro de la fruta, como de una pulgada de grueso. Luego comenzó a rodar el pedazo entre sus dedos y nuestros ojos casi saltaron al ver que esa rebanada de pronto y como por arte de magia se dividía en tres secciones iguales. Entonces nos dijo la maestra: “Cada sección es banano; no obstante, cada pedazo es una sección distinta del mismo banano”. Algo había en esta demostración que tenía sentido para nosotros cuando luchábamos por comprender cómo “funcionaba” la Trinidad –tres personas en un solo Dios. Me acuerdo como si fuera ahora cómo corrí a casa al acabar las clases, para hacer el experimento en mi propia cocina. Corté un banano como en diez rebanadas, y cada vez que hacía rodar entre mis dedos una de las rebanadas, tres pedazos distintos e iguales caían en mis manos.

ADMIRACIÓN ANTE EL SEÑOR

Esta imagen siempre se ha quedado en mi mente, y se revive cada vez que la Iglesia celebra la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad. Cada año nos encontramos con este misterio. Algunos tratamos de captarlo con nuestra mente, mientras que a otros la celebración litúrgica sencillamente les pasa desapercibida. Tal vez esta fiesta nos llame a hacer es algo que raras veces hacemos en esta cultura moderna, tan arraigada a lo práctico. Tal vez lo que este día nos llama a hacer es maravillarnos y admirarnos ante la presencia y el poder de Dios. Éste es un buen día para recordar que nuestro Dios es un Dios maravilloso y admirable quien, como Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, nos creó, nos redimió, y continúa entrando en nuestras vidas de modos sorprendentes y misteriosos.



OFICINA CERRADA

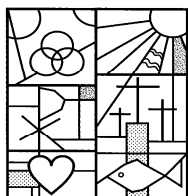
Este lunes es el Día de Conmemoración (Día Memorial), una Fiesta Nacional, la oficina de la rectoría estará cerrada. La misa será celebrada a las 9:00 A.M. ¡Favor de unirse a nosotros!

MISTERIO

Un maestro le hablaba a sus estudiantes acerca de lo que es un misterio. Les propuso algo que todos podían hacer: "Piensen en una rosa e imagínense su fragancia." Todos asintieron con un movimiento de cabeza. "Describan la fragancia". Nadie pudo hacerlo. Nuestras mentes modernas quieren "solo los hechos", pero el misterio es una verdad que no puede preciarse. Hoy es la fiesta de la Santísima Trinidad: tres personas y un solo Dios. En la historia de la Iglesia muchos eruditos han descrito la Trinidad, pero ninguno ha podido dar la definición exacta, ya que la Trinidad trasciende las palabras. Las escrituras nos muestran las acciones de Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu y nos hacen referencia a la relación que existe entre las tres personas. Jesús le dice a sus discípulos que tenemos un Salvador y una salvación en Jesucristo por el Espíritu Santo. San Pablo dice que somos el Cuerpo de Cristo, que todos los creyentes tenemos una relación con Dios, y que somos llamados, escogidos y amados por igual. Sin embargo, dentro de esa igualdad Dios nos ha dado diferentes dones, diferentes habilidades y diferentes vocaciones en la vida. Lo único que Dios pide es nuestro amor y que usemos lo que nos ha dado. Así es esto de sencillo.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora...

Dios no quiere que nosotros simplemente creamos en la Trinidad o en cualquiera de sus tres Personas sino que abracemos esa divinidad. ¿Que le detiene a hacerlo? ¿Que va a hacer al respecto?



SEPARE ESTA FECHA

"Año de la Fe"

El Obispo Frank Caggiano estará visitando nuestra parroquia el Lunes 3 de Junio del 2013 para celebrar una Tarde de Oración a las 7:00 PM. Unámonos para darle la bienvenida y celebrar esta Tarde de Oración juntos. Rezaremos el Santo Rosario antes de la celebración a las 6:30 PM.

El Instituto de Pastoral de la Diócesis de Brooklyn anuncia el nombramiento de

Rosa Miranda

como un líder Pastoral laico de la Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis después de haber completado el Programa de Ministerio Laico de tres años patrocinado por el Instituto Pastoral.

Los obispos de Estados Unidos han dicho: "El llamado de los laicos a la santidad es un don del Espíritu Santo. Su respuesta es un don para la Iglesia y del mundo".

Nuestra Parroquia agradece a Rosa por su compromiso de servicio. Felicitaciones Rosa!

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, durante este año de fe, oramos para que la celebración devota y pública de nuestra fe sea una fuente de vida para todos los fieles cristianos. Para que todos nosotros seamos transformados durante este año! También oramos por los misioneros en todo el mundo. Para que las Iglesias en los territorios misioneros sean signo e instrumento de la esperanza y de la resurrección en este tiempo de Pascua. Papa Benedicto XVI

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 5/20/13 hemos recibido un total de \$ 43.461.00 de solo 195 promesas. HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRA META DIOCESANA. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$20,403.50. Estamos en camino de recibir una gran recompensa para nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su compromiso y por su continua generosidad. 195 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, dépositelo 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!**

VIAJE A DORNEY PARK – Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a un viaje a Dorney Park el sábado 13 de Julio del 2013. Saldremos de Santa María a las 8:00 A.M. El costo es de \$65.00 que cubre la transportación y la entrada al parque. Para información favor llamar a Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.