

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

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

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, July 20, 2013 - St. Apollinaris**

5:00 pm - Mass for the People
7:30 pm - Por todas las mujeres que han tenido un aborto

Sunday, July 21, 2013 –Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Rosalie McAllister (Thanksgiving)
Kiara Velazquez (healing)
9:45 am - For an end to Abortion
11:30 am - Lila Bacchus (healing)
Oscar & Thelma Perez (17 aniversario de bodas)
1:15 pm - Michelle Boss (dec)

Monday, July 22, 2013 - St. Mary Magdalene

12:10 pm - For all Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 - St. Bridget

12:10 pm - Manuel Ureña
Adelina Espinal Lala

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 - St. Sharbel Makhluf

12:10 pm - Rosalinda Collado
Agustin Espinal

Thursday, July 25, 2013 - St. James

12:10 pm - Trinidad Collado
Wilson Ureña e Hijos

Friday, July 26, 2013 - Sts. Joachim & Anne

12:10 pm - Zeising Family (Thanksgiving)
7:30 pm - Madeline & Ruben Vasquez (dec)

Saturday, July 27 2013

5:00 pm - Miguel & Emelina Jimenez (50th wedding anniv.)
7:30 pm - Misa en honor al Divino Niño
Zoila Yopez (dec)

Sunday, July 28, 2013 –Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Mass for the People
9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio
11:30 am - Lucesio & Nerys Aquino (5 aniversario de bodas)
Juan Alberto Martinez (dec)
1:15 pm - Marion Polichak

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary
has
chosen
the
better
part

“Mary has chosen the better part.” Does a life of prayer and service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



The Sick: Lila Bacchus, Eneida Marrero, Kathleen Briza, Kiara Velazquez, Isabel Murrillo, Auxiliadora Sosa, Mary Morin, Compton Payne, Edwin Cardona, Derrick Heron, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.

The faithful departed: All the faithful departed.

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 - \$5369.08

Second Collection- \$1226.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4969.35

(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 * Gn 18:1-10 * Ps 15:2-5 * Lk 10:38-42

Mon * Ex 14:5-18 * (Ps) Ex 15:1-6 * Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tues * Ex 14:21-15:1 * (Ps) Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17 * Mt 12:46-50

Wed * Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 * Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 * Mt 13:1-9

Thurs * 2 Cor 4:7-15 * Ps 126:1-6 * Mt 20:20-28

Fri * Ex 20:1-17 * Ps 19:8-11 * Mt 13:16-17

Sat * Ex 24:3-8 * Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 * Mt 13:24-30

Altar Server Assignments for July 27 & 28, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM - Jude Ikhalea, Christian Rodriguez
Sat. 7:30 PM - Miguel Garcia, Evin Flores, Melissa Ventura
Sun. 8:15 AM - Jacques Mathieu, Adaora Madubuko
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
Sun. 11:30 AM - Michelle Martinez, Jossabeth Castaneda, Joselin Lopez
Sun. 1:15 PM - Jamal Michel, Lisa Deryce, Charisma Gonsalves



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”

You desired, Lord, to keep from us your indignation and so did not spare Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are your prodigal children, but confessing our sins we came back to you. Embrace us that we may rejoice in your mercy together with Christ your beloved Son. Amen.

The Golden Age Club will not meet during the months of July and August. It will resume on September 12th, 2013.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SPEAK UP FOR YOURSELF

Rabbinic teaching notes that it is the characters who “stood up” to the Almighty who were most admired in scripture: Moses, who protested his tongue-tied inability to lead the Exodus; Job, who questioned the very will and wisdom of God; Abraham, who bartered for the saving of Sodom and Gomorrah; Sarah, who, just beyond the final verse of today’s first reading from Genesis, will chuckle at God’s fruitful covenant in the womb she believed barren. On the cross, Jesus himself would echo one of the most heaven-defying questions of the psalmist: “Why have you abandoned me?” And, while it may be easy to think of these defiant characters as being short on faith, the scriptures prefer to use their boldness to indicate the depths to which they trusted their relationship with God. Made in the image of their Creator, the people of Israel knew that every solid and intimate relationship should run the entire gamut of human emotions.

WHO ARE YOU?

In today’s Gospel passage, Martha joins the ranks of her ancestors who freely contested the situations in which they found themselves. She doesn’t merely gripe about her sister’s laziness; she does it without restraint to the one she addresses as “Lord.” Her tone, “Do you not care?” is somewhat accusatory (Luke 10:40). She must have felt quite trusting of her relationship with her sister and her Lord, in order to address Jesus in such a forthright manner. Jesus does not hesitate to give her a straightforward reply. He doesn’t contradict the need for the serving that must be done. He would, in fact, one day imitate the servile hospitality of Abraham’s foot-washing. Martha had welcomed him, washed the feet at which Mary sat, as Abraham welcomed his visitors. She scurried for a meal, as did Sarah for her guests. All necessary, but her anxiety and worry kept her from “the better part” of knowing her sister and knowing Christ. May we all be a bit like Martha, ready to welcome, to bear the burden of serving, to call others to serve with us, but always, with Mary, in the assurance of those who sit attentively at the feet of the Lord.

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

The Puerto Rican committee invite you to a trip to Bally’s on Sat. August 3, 2013. Departure time is 7:30 A.M. from St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude. Cost for the trip is \$40. For more information please call Aida Rodriguez - 718-327-0280.

TRIP TO DORNEY PARK

St. Mary’s will have a trip to Dorney Park on Saturday, August 10, 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.

St Mary Star of the Sea and St Gertrude Parish 2013 – 2014 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

“The family that prays together stays together”

Registration for Religious Education Classes for our Children will be from Sunday, **August 4th** to Sunday **September 14, 2013...**

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY... THESE CLASSES WILL FILL UP FAST!

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD PLEASE FOLLOW THESE 5 SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS...

- A) Tuition **MUST** to be paid at the time of registration
- B) Registration Form **MUST** be completed and signed by parent (s)
- C) Family Parish Envelope # **MUST** be Presented
- D) Copy of Birth Certificate for each child **MUST** be presented
- E) Copy of Baptism and First Communion Certificate **MUST** be presented (if child has received these Sacraments)

PLEASE NOTE: TUITION for the entire year is as follows:

Kindergarten	\$40 per child
1 st Grade to H.S.	\$50 per child (family registered to this Parish)
	\$80 per child (non-registered family)

NOTE: Additional fees may also be required. At the time of Registration this will be explained to you.

We ask that **ALL** Families be registered. Please don’t delay, pick up a Religious Education Registration Form and a Parish Registration Form in the Church Lobby or in the Rectory.

If you have **any** questions please do not hesitate to call our Religious Education Office at 1(718) 327-1133 ex 25. We are ready to help you! Or you can always call the Director of Religious Education **Deacon Mike Moss** at 1(917) 769-4496 anytime.

TRIP TO THE DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

On Saturday, August 17, 2013. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Departure from St. Mary at 6:00 A.M. For more information call 718-440-1328.

From the Desk of Deacon Mike,**More volunteers are needed for our Religious Education Program****Would you like to help us? It's easier than you may think!**

This year we are expanding our Adult RCIA/RICA and our Children's CCD Programs... so we need more volunteers to assist in this important Ministry.

We have a fine volunteer staff of teachers and assistants and we would be happy to welcome you ...

I am holding interviews for all interested parishioners who would like to help this year.

Please contact me directly at 1(917) 769-4496 or via e-mail mcmoss1951@aol.com or... call the Religious Ed Office (718) 327-1133 ex 25 to leave me your name and contact number.

If you have not received all three Sacraments of Initiation to the Catholic Church: Baptism, Holy Eucharist AND Confirmation... please call our Office to set up an appointment with me or another Deacon or Priest.... the Church is here for you!

If you are planning to get married or engaged, or if you are not married but living with someone... I need to speak to you... don't worry... the Church is here for you!

Yours in Christ, Deacon Mike

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 7-17-13 we have commitments totaling \$56,306.00 received from 258 pledges. WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL. We have already collected \$34,038.50 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. 258 represents about 25% 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 TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!!**

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5369.08

Segunda Colecta: \$1226.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4969.35

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!

**Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****ATREVÁMONOS A HABLAR CLARO**

La enseñanza rabínica indica, que los personajes más admirados de la Biblia son los que han sido "atrevidos" con Dios: Moisés, quien se atrevió a protestar que no tenía facilidad para hablar y que no servía para dirigir el Éxodo; Job, quien se atrevió a cuestionar la voluntad y la sabiduría mismas de Dios; Abraham, quien regateó con Dios por la salvación de Sodoma y Gomorra; y Sara quien, en el versículo después de donde termina la primera lectura de hoy, se cuenta que se echó a reír al escuchar que Dios iba a sellar su Alianza haciendo nacer un hijo a pesar de la esterilidad de ella. Clavado en la cruz, el mismo Jesús se haría eco de una de las preguntas más atrevidas y desafiantes de los salmos, "Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?" Y, aunque nos parezca a veces que esos personajes que se atrevían a hablarle a Dios de una manera tan poco respetuosa eran gente de poca fe, la Escritura usa su atrevimiento para mostrar hasta qué punto tenían confianza en su relación con Dios. Parece que el pueblo de Israel sabía que en toda relación sólida e íntima existe toda una gama de emociones humanas.

¿QUIÉN ERES TÚ?

En el Evangelio de hoy, Marta se une a la lista de sus antepasados, que se habían atrevido a disputar las situaciones en que se encontraban. El tono de su pregunta—"Señor, ¿no te importa...?" es bastante acusatorio. (Lucas 10:40) Marta tiene que haber estado bien segura de su relación tanto con el Señor como con su hermana, cuando le pudo hablar a Jesús en ese tono tan franco y directo. Jesús no niega que hace falta que alguien haga el trabajo de cocinar y de servir la mesa. Él mismo, un día, había de imitar el servicio hospitalario de Abraham, lavando los pies a sus discípulos. Marta lo había recibido con alegría, y al igual que Abraham había lavado los pies de los tres extraños, ella le había lavado a Jesús los pies; esos pies junto a los cuales estaba sentada María ahora. Al igual que Sara, Marta también se había atareado para preparar una cena para sus invitados. Todo eso era necesario, pero su preocupación y su inquietud la alejaban de esa "mejor parte", que era comprender a su hermana y conocer a Cristo. Conceda Dios que todos seamos un poco como Marta, siempre dispuestos a recibir a quien llegue, a llevar la carga de servir a los demás y a llamar a los demás a que se unan a nuestro servicio; pero, al igual que María, siempre con esa seguridad que tienen los que se sientan a los pies del Señor y escuchan atentamente sus palabras.

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis
2013 - 2014 PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA
 "La familia que reza unida, permanece unida"

Las inscripciones para las clases de educación religiosa para nuestros niños se llevarán a cabo desde el Domingo 4 de Agosto hasta el Domingo 14 de Septiembre del 2013...

Favor de inscribise temprano... estas clases se llenan rápido!

Para Inscribir a su hijo, por favor sigan ESTAS 5 SIMPLES INSTRUCCIONES...

- A) La matricula deberá pagarse al momento de la inscripción
- B) Deberá llenar el formulario de inscripción y ser firmado por uno de los padres
- C) Deberá presentar el número del sobre Parroquial
- D) Deberá presentar la copia del acta de nacimiento para cada niño
- E) Deberá presentar la copia del Certificado de Bautismo y Primera Comunión (si el niño ha recibido estos sacramentos)

NOTA: La matrícula para todo el año es la siguiente:

Kindergarten: \$ 40 por niño

1er grado hasta H.S. - \$50 por niño (Si la familia está registrada en esta parroquia)

\$80 por niño (si la familia no está registrada)

NOTA: Se requiere honorarios adicionales. Se le explicara durante la registraci3n.

Le pedimos a todas las familias que se registren. No espere hasta el ultimo momento, recoja un formulario para la inscripción en el Programa de Educaci3n Religiosa y un formulario para registrarse como miembro de la Parroquia en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o en la rectoría.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta no dude en llamar a nuestra Oficina de Educaci3n Religiosa al (718) 327-1133 ext. 25. Estamos aqu3 para ayudarle! O puede llamar al Director de Educaci3n Religiosa el **Diácono Mike Moss** al 1 (917) 769-4496 en cualquier momento.

MISA EN HONOR DEL SALVADOR DEL MUNDO

El Comité Salvadoreño les invita a la celebraci3n de la Misa en honor del Divino Salvador del Mundo, patrono del El Salvador el Sábado 3 de Agosto del 2013 a las 7:30 P.M. El Rev. James Cunningham será el padre celebrante. Todos son bienvenidos!

Inscripci3n para Bautismos De Infantes

Debido al aumento en los bautismos en espaol, si usted esta pensando bautizar a su niño, usted deberá llamar a la Oficina de la Rectoría por lo menos tres meses antes de la fecha.

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaia Anual Católica

La Campaia 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 7/17/13 hemos recibido un total de \$ 56,306.00 de solo 258 promesas. HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRA META DIOCESANA. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$34,038.50 . Estamos en camino de recibir una gran recompensa para nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su compromiso y por su continua generosidad. 258 representa alrededor del 25% 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 PARA APOYAR NUESTRA PARROQUIA!**

VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY

El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Atlantic City (Bally's) el Sábado 3 de Agosto del 2013. Salida a las 7:30 A.M. de Santa María. Costo por boleto \$40. Para boletos, favor llamar a Aida Rodríguez al 718-327-0280.

VIAJE A DORNEY PARK

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a un viaje a Dorney Park el sábado 10 de Agosto del 2013. Saldremos de Santa María a las 8:00 A.M. El costo es de \$65.00 que cubre la transportaci3n y la entrada al parque. Para informaci3n favor llamar a Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia

El Sábado, 17 de Agosto del 2013. El costo es \$50.00 por persona. Salida de Santa María a las 6:00 A.M. Para mas informaci3n favor llamar al 718-440-1328.



Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"María ha escogido la mejor parte". ¿Tienes una vida de oraci3n y de servicio como sacerdote, diácono o una vida consagrada te atraer? Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (718) 827-2454 o correo electrónico: vocations@diobrook.org.