

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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Deacon Rene Hernandez

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16
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IN RESIDENCE:

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PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

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Ms. Estabana Nino, RICA
Ms. Carmen Macfie, CCD
Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, CCD
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: (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 Mondays at 7:00 P.M. at St. Gertrude Church

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, July 26, 2014 - St. Joachim & St. Anne

5:00 pm - For the people of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 7:30 pm - Divino Niño
 Zoila Yepez (dec), Maria Paredes (dec)
 Senovia Martinez (dec), Clara Garcia (dec)
 Maria Diaz (dec), Zoila Portillo (dec)
 Carmen y Luis Alvarez (dec), Eduardo Zuñiga (dec)
 Juana De Jesus Rodriguez (dec)

Sunday, July 27, 2014 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Rosary Society
 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio
 11:30 am - Nelson A. Molina (dec)
 Maria Hercules (acción de gracias)
 Grettell Castro (9no cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm - Living & deceased member of the Faustin Family

Monday, July 28, 2014

12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, July 29, 2014– St. Martha

12:10 pm - Joseph Pandolfo

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 - St. Peter Chrysologus

12:10 pm - St. Francis by Serge Clermont
 St. Andre (thanksgiving)

Thursday, July 31, 2014 - St. Ignatius Loyola

12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, August 1, 2014 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

12:10 pm - John Keane (dec)
 7:30 pm - Por las vocaciones al Sacerdocio y vida consagrada

Saturday, August 2, 2014 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard

5:00 pm - Luz Torres (dec)
 7:30 pm - Misa en honor del Divino Salvador del Mundo
 Yolanda Guerra Garcia (dec)

Sunday, August 3, 2014 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Mass available
 9:45 am - For the people of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 11:30 am - Misa disponible
 1:15 pm - John & Mary Waldron
 Divino Niño Jesus (acción de gracias)



The Sick: Kiara Velazquez, Sylvia Madison, Percival Riveaux, Chuck Hanson, Miguel Mena, Edwin Cardona,

Pedro Bonilla.

All the faithful departed: Carmelo Molina, Rodolfo Castillo

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:

Offeritory Collection

1st Collection last weekend - \$4432.00

Second Collection – \$3301.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4731.00

(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 Aug. 2 & 3, 2014

Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Lexa Marie Torres
 Sat. 7:30 PM - Lisbed Flores, Osvaldo Flores, Alex Estrada
 Fernando Estrada
 Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Adaora Madubuko
 Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
 Sun. 11:30 AM - Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras,
 Jossabeth Castaneda, Hilda Hernandez
 Sun. 1:15 PM– Bianca Salonga, Vilmar Jean-Michel

Weekday Readings

Sun * 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 * Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 * Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]
Mon * Jer 13:1-11 * Dt 32:18-21 * Mt 13:31-35
Tues * Jer 14:17-22 * Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13 * Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wed * Jer 15:10,16-21 * Ps 59:2-4 10-11, 17-18 * Mt 13:44-46
Thurs * Jer 18:1-6 * Ps 146:1b-6ab * Mt 13:47-53
Fri * Jer 26:1-9 * Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 * Mt 13:54-58
Sat * Jer 26:11-16,24 * Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 * Mt 14:1-12

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

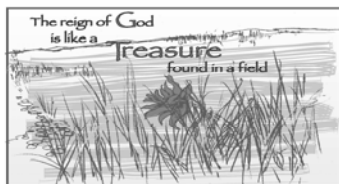
"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you." Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! If you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in honor of **El Divino Niño.**

The flowers are given in honor of **El Divino Niño.**

The sanctuary candle is given in in honor of **El Divino Niño.**



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES AND PEARLS

The Gospel of Matthew continues with parables that hint at what the reign of God might be like. The first parable doesn't tell us what the man was doing digging in a field that was not his, but it doesn't matter. He stumbles upon a great treasure, and recognizing its value, gives up everything he has for it. The same is true of the pearl merchant. Pearls were very rare and expensive up until the twentieth century. They are found in oysters, deep in salt or fresh water, and divers, then without any air tanks, had to dive for them and collect many thousands of oysters to find good pearls. Enough beautiful, matched pearls for a necklace were a rare and expensive find. A single rare, large pearl was a king's ransom!

DIVING AND DRAGNETS

The image of the dragnet is a good one for our unconscious mind. Hidden there is everything we experience, good and bad, that influences us in our lives. Hidden there also is the Holy Spirit, at work sorting the good from the bad, the treasure from the dross, and freeing us to begin to know our deepest desires for God. Great saints like John of the Cross and Teresa of Ávila, both doctors of the Church, wrote about our deepest selves being the dwelling place of God. While our active minds prance around all kinds of ideas and distractions, our deepest selves dwell in wordless contemplation of God. To have this revealed to us is a great gift, a priceless treasure. Because the Holy Spirit is at work in us, purifying and drawing us closer, it does not mean we do nothing. We are given free will to seek God and to pay attention to these inner workings, as God strips away whatever impedes us. This is not always comfortable. When we willingly allow God to work in us, being attentive to what the Spirit is doing, we will find God. The treasure and the pearl are real. One was found by accident, the other by much searching. It doesn't matter which we use. If we are attentive, we will find God, for God waits to be found!

The Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude

C.A.R.E.S.

Catechism And Rosary Evening Series
Back by popular request

BRING FRIENDS...ALL ARE WELCOME
Inter Active - Q&A - Lively Discussions - Faith Sharing

SERIES I

St Mary Star of the Sea Church
Beach 20th Street and New Haven Ave FR NY
Tues Evening @ 7pm July 29

SERIES II

St. Gertrude the Great Church
336 Beach 38th Street, Edgemere NY
3 Tues Evenings @7pm Aug 12, 19 and 26

"To get the most out of these evenings, you will need a Bible, a Rosary and a Catechism of the Catholic Church...These interactive nights will be very exciting, very lively, very interesting and very informative...", Deacon Mike

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Zoila Herrera and all who participated in the trip to Dorney Park. Thank to all of you, we were able to raise funds to support our parish.

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

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

As of July 23, 2014 there is no new update. We have 165 donors who have pledged \$42,711.00, which represents 89% of our Diocesan goal of \$47,883.00. We need \$5,172.00 in pledges to make our 2014 diocesan goal. Last year, 2013, 311 donors from the parish contributed to the appeal. With 5/2 months left to fulfill our goal, we need your help. All of our parishioners are being called on to make a pledge.

So far, we've collected \$24,539.00; we have \$23,344.00 more to collect 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 have 1100 registered parishioners. **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 pledges. **Pledges can be made up to December 15, 2014, to assure that all monies are properly recorded and credited to our parish by December 31, 2014.**

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

FREE Summer Meals for Youth—Queens libraries in the Rockaways will be providing free meals to children and teens during the summer; Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, June 27, 2014 through Friday, August 29, 2014. There is no application, qualification or ID required. The three participating Rockaway branches are: Far Rockaway Library, 1637 Central Avenue, Arverne Library, 312 Beach 54th Street and Rockaway Park Library, 116-15 Rockaway Beach Blvd. For more information, contact your area library, or visit www.queenslibrary.org.

Rosary Society 2nd Annual Breakfast and Music

The Rosary Society is hosting their 2nd Breakfast and Music event on Saturday, August 30, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the school auditorium; tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Contact Janet Thomas on 718 309-1748 for tickets and information.

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>.

FINY Mayoral Forum—The date for the mayoral forum is confirmed for Tuesday, June 29, 2014, 7:00 PM, at Allen A.M.E. Church, 110-31 Merrick Blvd in Jamaica, NY. Free buses will be available for transportation. Please sign up after Mass or call the rectory to give them the names. Everyone is welcome and everyone is encouraged to attend. Remember, **YOUR PRESENCE IS POWER!**

FREE Storm Recovery Legal Services—The New York Legal Assistance Group is offering free help to anyone still recovering from the devastation brought on by Hurricane Sandy. They will be in our neighborhood on July 14th and August 11th from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Thriftway Pharmacy, 2102 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, NY. You will be helped with FEMA benefits, housing homeowner's and flood insurance, consumer protection, Build it Back and New York Rising and Immigration Services.

Build it Back at Councilman Richards Far Rockaway

Office—A Build it Back representative is available on Mondays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Councilman Richards Far Rockaway office – 1931 Mott Avenue, Room 4102. Please take advantage of this assistance, even if you have already went through the Build it Back process.

Temporary Disaster Assistance Program (TDAP) for Undocumented Sandy Victims—The Red Cross is providing a TDAP grant to pay for 1 year of rent for those qualified apartment renters who are undocumented and have been impacted by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. For an application and/or for additional information on qualification requirements, contact Joanne Murray on 718 327-1133 ext.16.

End Deportations: Free Trip to Washington DC

Faith in New York is sponsoring a free bus trip to Washington DC to march for immigration reform. The buses will leave on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 5:00 AM from the Faith in New York headquarters, 103-04 39th Avenue in Corona Queens. For registration or more information, please contact Aura Carranza at 646-387-1901 or Andrew Hausermann of FINY at 718-208-9824.

Fin a las Deportaciones Fin: Viaje a Washington DC

Fe en Nueva York está patrocinando un viaje gratuito en autobús a Washington DC para la marcha por la reforma migratoria. Los autobuses saldrán de la oficina central de Fe en Nueva York, 103-04 39th Avenue en Corona Queens el Jueves, 31 de julio 2014 a las 5:00 AM. Para inscripciones o mas información, favor de ponerse en contacto con Aura Carranza al 646-387-1901 o Andrew Hausermann de Fe en Nueva York al 718-208-9824.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4432.00

Segunda Colecta: \$3301.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4731.00

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!

Misa en Honor al Divino Salvador del Mundo

La comunidad Salvadoreña los invita a la celebración de la Misa en honor al Divino Salvador del Mundo el Sábado 2 de Agosto a las 7:30 P.M. Tendremos como celebrante al Padre Jim Cunningham. Todos están invitados.

GRACIAS A todos nuestros feligreses que ayudaron con la venta de comida este domingo pasado. Gracias a su ayuda pudimos recaudar \$1,000 para apoyar nuestra parroquia. Sin ustedes no hubiéramos podido hacerlo. Que Dios los bendiga a todos!

El Grupo Carismático les invita a un Día al Aire Libre en el Santuario de la Virgen María en Haverstraw el Sábado 30 de Agosto del 2014. Costo \$30 por persona. Para mas información favor de llamar a María Zipriano al 516-384-1846.



“No solo vengan a la Iglesia, sean la Iglesia”



Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

TESOROS Y PERLAS

El Evangelio según san Mateo continúa con parábolas que insinúan cómo puede ser el reino de Dios. La primera parábola no nos dice qué hacía el hombre cavando en un campo que no era suyo, pero no importa. Encuentra un gran tesoro y, al reconocer su valor, deja todo lo que tiene por él. Lo mismo sucede con el comerciante de perlas. Las perlas eran poco comunes y muy valiosas aún hasta el siglo veinte. Se hallan en ostras, en las profundidades de aguas saladas o dulces y los buzos, en ese entonces sin tanques de oxígeno, tenían que sumergirse para obtenerlas y juntar miles de ostras para encontrar buenas perlas. Encontrar perlas bellas y suficientes para un collar era un hallazgo poco común y costoso. ¡Con una sola perla grande y rara se podía pagar el rescate de un rey!

BUCEO Y REDES BARREDERAS

La imagen de la red barredera es buena para representar nuestro inconsciente. Ahí, en lo oculto, se halla todo lo que vivimos, bueno y malo, que nos influencia en nuestra vida. Oculto también ahí se halla el Espíritu Santo, diferenciando lo bueno de lo malo, el tesoro de la escoria y liberándonos para que comencemos a conocer nuestro profundo anhelo de Dios. Grandes santos, como Juan de la Cruz y Teresa de Ávila, ambos doctores de la Iglesia, escribieron que nuestro ser más profundo es el lugar en donde habita Dios. Mientras nuestra mente activa se pasea por todo tipo de ideas y distracciones, nuestro ser más profundo se detiene en la contemplación muda de Dios. Que esto se nos haya revelado es un gran don, un tesoro invaluable. El hecho que el Espíritu Santo obre en nosotros, purificándonos y acercándonos, no significa que nosotros no hagamos nada. Tenemos libre albedrío para buscar a Dios y para prestar atención a este movimiento interno, ya que Dios nos quita los obstáculos del camino. Esto no siempre es cómodo. Cuando le permitamos a Dios obrar en nosotros y estemos atentos a lo que hace el Espíritu, encontraremos a Dios. El tesoro y la perla son reales. Uno se encontró accidentalmente, la otra luego de una intensa búsqueda. De una manera u otra, si estamos atentos, encontraremos a Dios, porque ¡Dios espera que lo encontremos!

Decimo Séptimo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

"Pide y recibirás; busca y encontrarás, golpea y la puerta se abrirá" ora por tu su vocación! ¡Busca y encuentra formas de servir! ¡Golpea a las puertas de los que pueden orientarte! Si crees que Dios puede ofrecerte la gracia de una vocación al sacerdocio o la vida consagrada, llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Comidas de verano GRATIS para niños - Las bibliotecas de Queens en Rockaways estarán ofreciendo comidas gratuitas para los niños y adolescentes durante el verano; de lunes a viernes, desde el Lunes, 27 de junio hasta el Viernes, 29 de agosto 2014. No necesita aplicar ni requiere identificación. Las bibliotecas participantes en Rockaway son: Biblioteca de Far Rockaway, 1637 Central Avenue, Biblioteca de Arverne, 312 Beach 54th Street y la Biblioteca de Rockaway Park, 116-15 Rockaway Beach Blvd. Para información, póngase en contacto con su biblioteca de su área, o visite www.queenslibrary.org.

Evento Anual de la Sociedad del Rosario—La Sociedad del Rosario está organizando su segundo evento, desayuno y música el Sábado, 30 de agosto del 2014 9:00 a.m.-2:00 pm en el auditorio de la escuela; Costo de los boletos es \$20.00 para adultos y \$10.00 para niños. Para información y boletos, póngase en contacto con Janet Thomas al 718 309-1748.

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> .

Foro de Fe en NY —La fecha para el foro esta confirmada para el Martes 29 de Julio del 2014 a las 7:00 P.M. en la Iglesia Allen A.M.E., 110-31 Merrick Blvd in Jamaica, NY. Tendremos transportación gratis. Favor de anotar su nombre después de la Misa o llame a la rectoría. Animamos a todos a venir, todos son bienvenidos. Recuerde, **SU PRESENCIA ES PODER!**

Servicios Legales GRATIS—El Grupo de Asistencia Legal de Nueva York está ofreciendo ayuda gratuita a cualquier persona que aún se esta recuperando de la devastación del huracán Sandy. Estarán en nuestro vecindario el 14 de julio y 11 de agosto de 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM en la Farmacia Thriftway, 2102 Mott Avenue, Far Rockaway, NY. Le ayudarán con los beneficios de FEMA, seguros contra inundaciones, protección de los consumidores, y servicios de inmigración.

Reconstruyendo de Nuevo—Un representante de Reconstruyendo de Nuevo estará disponible los lunes de 1:00-5:00 en la oficina del Concejal Richards en Far Rockaway - 1931 Mott Avenue, Room 4102. Por favor trate de aprovechar esta oportunidad de ayuda, aunque haya pasado por el proceso de Reconstruyendo de Nuevo.

Programa de Asistencia Temporal (Tdap) de Desastres para víctimas indocumentadas de Sandy—La Cruz Roja ha concedido una donación a TDAP para pagar 1 año de alquiler a aquellos inquilinos de apartamentos que fueron impactados por el huracán Sandy en el 2012 y que son indocumentados. Para una solicitud y / o para mas información sobre los requisitos, llame a Joanne Murray al 718 327-1133 ext.16.