

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



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## **PASTOR:**

Rev. Fulgencio Gutierrez, Ext. 22

## **PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero  
Deacon Rene Hernandez

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
Mrs. Carmen Montero, Ext. 10

## **IN RESIDENCE:**

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18  
Rev. Fredrick Anawonah, Ext. 17  
Rev. David Bertolotti, Ext. 27

## **TRUSTEES:**

Miguel Jimenez  
Lillian Virginia Rountree

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:**

Yvonne Hall

## **OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Ext. 25**

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496  
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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**Haitian Committee**

**Nigerian Committee:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro)** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, August 9, 2014 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

5:00 pm - Lucy Anakhu (dec)  
 7:30 pm - Rodolfo Castillo (dec)  
 Milquades Perez (accion de gracias)

**Sunday, August 10, 2014 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - Mass for the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude  
 9:45 am - Lawrence Rosario (dec)  
 Santos Rodriguez (dec)  
 11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes por la Legión de María  
 Alfredo y Máximo Suarez (dec)  
 Jennifer Larios (en sus 15 años)  
 Maria Hercules (acción de gracias)  
 Julia Escobar (dec—4 años)  
 Cristina Hernandez (cumpleaños)  
 Alian Feliciano (dec)  
 1:15 pm - Mass for the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude

**Monday, August 11, 2014 - St. Clare**

12:10 pm - Lidia Morel (dec)

**Tuesday, August 12, 2014 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

12:10 pm - For the souls in purgatory

**Wednesday, August 13, 2014 - Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus**

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

**Thursday, August 14, 2014 - St. Maximilian Kolbe**

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

**Friday, August 15, 2014 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Saturday, August 16, 2014 - St. Stephen of Hungary**

5:00 pm - Joseph Curley (dec)  
 7:30 pm - Por las almas del purgatorio

**Sunday, August 17, 2014 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - Mass for the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude  
 9:45 am - Jennifer Garcia (birthday)  
 Luis Rodriguez (dec)  
 11:30 am - Samuel Suarez (dec)  
 1:15 pm - For the conversion of souls

**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 - \$4310.00**

**Second Collection – 1394.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$5673.00**

**(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. 16 & 17, 2014**

Sat. 5:00 PM - Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez,  
 Joselin Lopez

Sat. 7:30 PM - Carolena Mayorga,  
 Aaliah Mayorga Miranda  
 Wendy Rodriguez,  
 Joseph Rodriguez

Sun. 8:15 AM - Chibuikem Chukwu,  
 Gabriele Forbes Bennett  
 Adaora Madubuko

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

Sun. 11:30 AM - Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras,  
 Lisbed Flores, Osvaldo Flores

Sun. 1:15 PM – Lisa Deryce, Noah Roberts

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun** \* 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a \* Ps 85:9-14 \* Mt 14:22-33

**Mon** \* Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c \* Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 \* Mt 17:22-27

**Tues** \* Ez 2:8 - 3:4 \* Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 \* Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wed** \* Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 \* Ps 113:1-6 \* Mt 18:15-20

**Thurs** \* Ez 12:1-12 \* Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 \* Mt 18:21 - 19:1

**Fri** \* Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab \* Ps 45:10-12, 16 \* Lk 1:39-56

**Sat** \* Ez 18:1-10,13b, 30-32 \* Ps 51:12-15,18-19 \* Mt 19:13-15

  
**Pray for** ...

**The Sick:** Laura Balboa, Kiara Velazquez, Sylvia Madison, Percival Riveaux, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

**All the faithful departed:** Miguel Mena.

**An Invitation**



**"Don't just come to Church,  
 be the Church"**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WHAT'S WHAT

Today's passage from Matthew's Gospel is loaded with many symbols and details. Our familiarity with the tale of the calming of the sea and Peter's rescue may lull us into overlooking them, or we may simply be unfamiliar with their meaning. Here are things to note: Jesus makes the disciples get into the boat, so there is distance between him and them; the boat, in the Gospels, is always a code word for the church; Jesus goes up a mountain to pray, the place of closeness to God (also the place, in Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus teaches the Beatitudes); the wind and stormy seas can be conquered only by God, as chaos was conquered at creation; Jesus, in prayer to God, is able to know the trouble of his followers, his church, in the boat, even though he is separated from them by a great distance. Matthew packs all these details and symbols into a handful of sentences, yet they are all vital to our understanding of this passage and—more importantly—for our own growth in faith as a church.

### WHO'S WHO

Throughout the Gospels and all of the New Testament, Peter stands as an emblem for the whole church. He is a mixture of faith and fearfulness, expresses profound belief in yet also cruel denial of Christ. Peter is the saint and the sinner that every baptized member of the church is. Today he leaps forward in exuberant faith, but caves in to the tempest tossing him about. He musters enough faith to cry out his need for salvation, as we all must. And then Christ, who called him through the storm, identifies himself by saying (literally, in the Greek text), "I Am"—as God was revealed to Moses. Christ, divinely unfazed by the petty storms that terrify his church, always stands ready to reach out to those he has called when they cry for help. "Lord, save me!" was on Peter's lips that morning, as it has been on the lips of countless Christians throughout the centuries. And Christ still reaches out to us, his church being tossed about, to take us by the hand and reply, "Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

### From the Desk of Deacon Mike,

#### Office of Faith Formation & Religious Education

#### CCD Registration...For Children... Come Early

**Attention Parents...** Registration for our 2014-2015 Religious Education Program for our children has begun... **Please register your child EARLY...**Classes begin on Saturday **September 27...**please do not wait until the last minute...every child from Kindergarten to Eight Grade should be enrolled...our children really like to come to these classes...call our Faith Formation Office 1(718)327-1133 Ex 25 for further information.

#### RCIA/RICA

**Adult Classes...** If you would like to become a Catholic, or if you have not received ALL THREE Sacraments of Initiation to the Catholic Church, please do not wait any longer... call our office to make an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to enroll... it's easy, but YOU need to contact US...ALL are welcomed.

#### CATECHESIS & EVANGELIZATION

Be on the lookout for all the events that the Office of Faith Formation is planning for you and your families this year.... These events are for **everyone...** please try to participate in some or all of them.

This **Campaign of Catechesis and Evangelization**, as it will be called, will include multi-lingual Retreats, Family Masses, Lent and Advent Seasonal Series, Novenas, Faith Sharing & Testifying, Musical Concerts, and Special Guest Speaker Series. **ALL** are encouraged to participate. The Church is **ONE!!** No matter what our station in life, we are called to increase our knowledge of our Catholic Faith so as to be able to Evangelize in some way for the Good of Souls. You are never too young, you are never too old and you should never be too busy to give back to the Lord in some way in gratitude for all His Blessings. Join us as we go deeper into our Faith, it will be awesome...

*Your in Christ, Deacon Mike*

**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 II**

**St. Gertrude the Great Church  
336 Beach 38<sup>th</sup> 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**

**2014 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update**

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

As of August 5, 2014 we have 183 donors who have pledged \$46,571.00 which represents 97% of our Diocesan goal of \$47,883.00.; **we can do it!!!** We need \$1,312.00 in pledges to make our 2014 diocesan goal. Last year, 2013, 311 donors from the parish contributed to the appeal. With 4 1/2 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 \$29,487.00; we have \$18,396.00 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 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 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!!**

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
January 8-17, 2015**

**And  
Shrines of Italy  
May 12-21, 2015**

**Travel with St. Joseph's College faculty members:  
Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ and Father Francis  
Pizzarelli, SMM**

**For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at  
631-654-0199 or e-mail  
growland@sjcny.edu**

**St. Mary / St. Gertrude Rosary Society**

**Join the Rosary Society at their  
2nd Annual Breakfast and Music  
on Saturday, August 30, 2014  
9 AM to 2 PM**

**In the school auditorium  
1920 New Haven Avenue**

**Price is \$20.00 each for adults  
\$10.00 each for children**

**For tickets and information, call Janet Thomas  
on 718 309-1748**

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**

**Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4310.00  
Segunda Colecta: \$1394.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5673.00**

**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!**

**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.**

## Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### ESCUCHA ATENTAMENTE

La invitación a venir y saciar nuestra hambre y sed en Cristo nos reconforta inmensamente, ya que a veces sufrimos por el anhelo de Dios o nos sentimos vacíos y queremos sentirnos llenos del amor de Dios. Este anhelo es el don de Dios y su llamada para que nos alejemos del ruido y del ajeteo de nuestra vida y de nuestro mundo y prestemos atención a la suave voz de Dios en nuestro interior. ¿Cómo respondemos a tan amable invitación? Prestando atención, aquietándonos; sin luchar ni afanarnos para hacer posible alguna experiencia espiritual, sino más bien quedándonos tranquilos para escuchar los delicados dictados de Dios. Nuestro deseo de oración, aun si sentimos que nuestro rezo es distraído e ineficaz, es eficaz porque el llamado viene de Dios, y nuestra respuesta es la voluntad de escuchar y ser alimentados por la palabra santa de Dios.

### COMIERON TODOS HASTA SACIARSE

Jesús alimentó a cinco mil hombres, “sin contar a las mujeres y a los niños” (Mateo 14:21). Podemos suponer, debido a que las mujeres se contaban entre los más fieles discípulos del Señor y por lo general llevaban a sus hijos a todas partes con ellas, que las mujeres y los niños eran más en número que los hombres –¡sin duda una gran multitud! Entonces, ¿cómo fueron alimentados con cinco panes y dos pescados? Mateo señala que primero, “[Jesús] pronunció una bendición” (Mateo 14:19). Dio gracias a Dios por lo recibido, o sea, una acción de gracias, que es siempre transformadora. Esta alabanza y acción de gracias siempre transforman nuestro pan en su cuerpo y sangre, y nos reviste de Cristo para la vida del mundo. El anhelo de Dios es un don que refleja el anhelo que tiene Dios de nosotros. No importa si sentimos que nuestra oración es ineficaz, o si somos consolados o no con nuestras imágenes de Dios. Dios obra en nosotros por el don de ese anhelo y nuestra voluntad de responder es ya nuestro consentimiento a la llamada de Dios. ¡Acércate al agua, ven al banquete!

### Decimo Noveno Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

"Detente! Soy yo. ¡No tengas miedo!" La incertidumbre a veces puede producir temor al llamado de Dios a la vida consagrada o al sacerdocio. Si el Señor realmente te llama, necesitas confianza. Si estas pensando en tu vocación, llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

### Del Escritorio del Diacono Mike,

#### Oficina de Formación de Fe y Educación Religiosa

### Registración del Catecismo para los niños Regístrese temprano

Atención padres ... La inscripción para el Programa de Educación Religiosa 2014-2015 para nuestros hijos ha comenzado ... Por favor, registre a su hijo TEMPRANO ... Las clases comienzan el sábado 27 septiembre ... por favor no espere hasta el último momento ... todos los niños desde el kindergarten hasta el octavo grado deben de estar registrados ... nuestros hijos realmente les gusta venir a estas clases ... llame a nuestra Oficina de Formación de Fe (718) 327-1133 Ex 25 para más información.

### Las clases RCIA / RICA para Adultos ...

Si usted desea ser católico, o si no ha recibido los tres Sacramentos de Iniciación en la Iglesia Católica, por favor no espere más ... llame a nuestra oficina para hacer una cita con un sacerdote o diácono para inscribirse ... es muy fácil, pero necesita ponerse en contacto con nosotros ... Todos son bienvenidos.

### CATEQUESIS Y EVANGELIZACIÓN

Este pendiente de todos los eventos que la Oficina de Formación de Fe está planeando para ustedes y sus familias este año.... Estos eventos son para todos... por favor trate de participar en algunas o en todos ellos.

Esta Campaña de Catequesis y Evangelización, como se llamará, incluirá Retiros multilingües, misas familiares, y Series de Cuaresma y Adviento, Novenas, Testimonio y compartir la fe, Conciertos Musicales y Series Especiales con Oradores invitados. Todos están invitados a participar. La Iglesia es UNA! No importa cuál sea nuestra posición en la vida, estamos llamados a profundizar en el conocimiento de nuestra fe católica con el fin de ser capaces de evangelizar, de alguna manera para el bien de las almas. Nunca se es demasiado joven, nunca se es demasiado viejo y nunca debemos estar demasiado ocupado para devolverle al Señor de alguna manera, nuestro agradecimiento por todas sus bendiciones. Únase a nosotros para profundizar nuestra fe, será impresionante ...

En Cristo, Diácono Mike



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