

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:

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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, August 10, 2013 - St. Lawrence**

5:00 pm - Eduardo Espinal
 7:30 pm - Adalinda Tejada
 Divino Niño (acción de gracias)

Sunday, August 11, 2013 –Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Lidia Morel (dec)
 9:45 am - Felix Guzman
 11:30 am - Por los Sacerdote
 Madeline & Ruben Vasquez (dec)
 Julia Escobar (dec), Silvia Sanchez Blanco (dec)
 1:15 pm - Mass for the People

Monday, August 12, 2013 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal

12:10 pm - John & Marie Glomb (dec), Luisa Cannizzaro (dec)
 Greta Alexander (thanksgiving)

Tuesday, August 13, 2013 - St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus

12:10 pm - Mass for the People

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

12:10 pm - End of Abortion

Thursday, August 15, 2013 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 pm - Severina Polanco (dec), John Schiavone (dec)
 7:30 pm - Montero Family (healing & blessing)

Friday, August 16, 2013 - St. Stephen of Hungary

12:10 pm - Joseph Patrick Curley (dec)
 7:30 pm - Guadalupe Vasquez (dec)

Saturday, August 17, 2013

5:00 pm - Thomas Dolan (dec), Thomas Gillis (dec)
 Richard Olstrom (dec)
 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)

Sunday, August 18, 2013 –Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Mass for the People
 9:45 am - Souls in Purgatory
 11:30 am - Julio Rene de la Cruz Morales (dec)
 Maximo y Samuel Suarez (dec)
 1:15 pm - Mass for the People



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

The faithful departed: All the faithful departed.

Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15, 2013
 Holyday of Obligation

The Mass Schedule is as follows:
 12:10 P.M. (English)
 7:30 P.M. (Bi-lingual)



The Rectory Office will be close in honor of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 - \$5673.00

Second Collection- \$1758.00

First Collection Last Year: \$6106.00

(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 * Wis 18:6-9 * Ps 33:1,12,18-22 * Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Mon * Dt 10:12-22 * Ps 147:12-15 , 19-20 * Mt 17:22-27

Tues * Dt 31:1-8 * (Ps) Dt 32:3-4, 7-9, 12 * Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wed * Dt 34:1-12 * Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8,16-17 * Mt 18:15-20

Thurs * Rv 11:19; 12:1-6,10 * Ps 45:10, 11-12,16 * Lk 1:39-56

Fri * Jos 24:1-13 * Ps 136:1-3, 16-18,21-22,24 * Mt 19:3-12

Sat * Jos 24:14-29 * Ps 16:1-2,5, 7-8,11 * Mt 19:13-15

Altar Server Assignments for August 17 & 18, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM - Alexis Small, Jude Ikhalea
 Sat. 7:30 PM - Michelle Martinez, Wendy Rodriguez, Osvaldo Flores
 Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Adaora Madubuko, Chinelan Chukwu
 Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo, Kimora George
 Sun. 11:30 AM- Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Dennys Castillo
 Sun. 1:15 PM- Kevin Robles, Lisa Deryce, Isaiah Brown

**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"

Father, we come, reborn in the Spirit, to celebrate our son ship in the Lord Jesus Christ. Touch our hearts, help them grow towards the life you have promised. Touch our lives, make them signs of your love for all men. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— "Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for." If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITHFUL AND HOPEFUL

The Letter to the Hebrews binds up beautifully the first two of the great triumvirate of Christian virtues: faith and hope. When what we hope for is realized, faith is born; in faith we have the evidence of what still remains unseen. Hebrews puts before us our ancestors in faith: Abraham and Sarah. It illustrates their lives of faith, their hopes realized so that faith might be born, their faith as witness to all that is yet intangible to us. It is the covenant made and kept in faith, with loving-kindness, that is our inheritance from them. Though they long ago passed over from this life to their life among the stars used to describe their descendants, that covenant lives on, given life anew in the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is to that covenant in Christ that we are each called again in the faith given to us in baptism; it is that covenant that brings forth and seals the vocation God has called us to live in joyful hope until we, too, reach our homeland in heaven with Abraham and Sarah.

FAITHFUL AND PRUDENT STEWARDS

Who doesn't need to fear the return of the master? The faithful and prudent steward, that's who. It is this steward who has taken what the master has given and has treated it—no matter what—as a great gift and treasure. Today we get the first glimmers of the words about the coming of Christ whom we await in joyful hope. These will increasingly characterize the Gospels for the next several months. Jesus gives us images of surrender that are characteristic of faithful disciples: he speaks of loins girt for exodus and lamps lit for the bridegroom's coming. He tells of the master returning to the household, eagerly anticipating what has transpired there in his absence; he forewarns that the master alone knows the time of his return. These teachings could strike fear into the hearts of those listening. Jesus concludes by saying: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). The vocation of the Christian disciple is to realize that whatever has been bestowed on us is "much" in the master's eyes. Disciples' vocations are lived faithfully and prudently, for they do not wait for the master's return in dread; they hope for it in joy.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

St. Mary and St. Gertrude invites you to join us on a "Year of the Faith" Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Departure time is 7:00 A.M. from St. Mary. Cost \$30 per person. For tickets and information contact: Estebana Nino 347-306-1241, Alejandro Perez 516-491-1255, Joanne Murray 917-757-0466 or call the rectory 718-327-1133 ext. 10

St Mary Star of the Sea and St Gertrude **SPECIAL ROSARY NOVENA** **And BENECTION**

**@ St Mary Star of the Sea Church Beach
19th and New Haven**

Evenings of Prayer for the Rockaways

Tuesdays 7pm

August 6 to October 1, 2013

Pray for Us

Mother of God

BVM

OLMC

OLF

OLHC

OLL

OLQAS

Queen of Peace



OLHP

OLS

OLK

OLGC

OLG

OLR

IMHM

Gate of Heaven

Star of the Sea

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 8-4-13 we have commitments totaling \$61,121.00 received from 265 pledges. WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL. We have already collected \$37,625.50 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. 265 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!!*

TRIP TO THE DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

On Saturday, August 17, 2013. 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.

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 are going on now until Sunday **September 14, 2013...**
PLEASE REGISTER EARLY... 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 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
 1st 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 (718) 327-1133 ex 25. We are ready to help you! Or you can call the Director of Religious Education **Deacon Mike Moss** at (917) 769-4496 anytime.

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 (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



Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

PLENOS DE FE Y ESPERANZA

La carta a los Hebreos combina muy bien las dos primeras virtudes del gran triunvirato que componen las virtudes teologales cristianas, esto es, la fe y la esperanza. Cuando se cumple nuestra esperanza, nace la fe. Y en la fe tenemos la evidencia de lo que todavía no vemos. La carta a los Hebreos nos presenta a nuestros padres en la fe: Abraham y Sara. Nos muestra sus vidas de fe y cómo se cumplieron sus esperanzas para que naciera la fe. La fe de ellos es testimonio de todo lo que todavía es intangible para nosotros. La alianza establecida y cumplida por la fe, con amor y con compasión, es la herencia que ellos nos han dejado. Aunque hace siglos que ellos pasaron de esta vida a vivir entre las estrellas incontables que Dios usó para describir a sus descendientes, esa alianza sigue viva, porque es constantemente vivificada en la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Es a esa alianza en Cristo a la que cada uno de nosotros está constantemente siendo llamado por la fe que recibimos en nuestro bautismo. Esa alianza es la que produce y sella la vocación a la que Dios nos llama, para que la vivamos en alegre esperanza, hasta que nosotros también lleguemos con Abraham y Sara a la patria del cielo.

ADMINISTRADORES FIELES Y PRUDENTES

¿Quién no tiene que temer el regreso del Señor? El administrador fiel y prudente, pues éste ha tomado lo que el Señor le dio y, fuese lo que fuese, lo ha tratado como un gran tesoro. Hoy vemos los primeros vislumbres de las palabras sobre la venida de Cristo, a quién aguardamos con una esperanza alegre. Esas palabras aparecerán con énfasis creciente en los Evangelios de los próximos meses. Jesús nos presenta las imágenes de disposición y de abandono que caracterizan a sus discípulos fieles, y nos habla de tener la ropa ceñida para el éxodo, así como las lámparas encendidas para recibir al novio cuando llegue. Jesús nos habla del amo que regresa a su casa, imaginándose lo que habrá pasado en su ausencia, y nos pone sobre aviso que sólo el amo sabe la hora en que volverá. Esas enseñanzas pueden causar temor en los corazones que las escuchan. Jesús termina con las palabras: “A quien se le dio mucho, se le exigirá mucho” (Lucas 12:48). La vocación del discípulo cristiano es darse cuenta de que, no importa lo que se nos haya confiado, a los ojos del Señor todo es “mucho”. Cada discípulo tiene que vivir su propia vocación con fidelidad y prudencia, porque no aguardamos el regreso del Señor con terror, sino con alegría y esperanza.



Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"La fe es la certeza de lo que se esperaba." Si usted cree en el dador de la llamada, puede esperar ser fiel a ella. ¿Va a seguir a Cristo como un Sacerdote, Diácono o en una vida consagrada? Llame a la Oficina de Vocaciones al (718) 827-2454 .

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$5673.00****Segunda Colecta: \$1758.00****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6106.00****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!

**La Festividad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María**

El Jueves 15 de Agosto del 2013 es un Día de Obligación – Celebraremos misa a las:

12:10 P.M. (inglés)

7:30 P.M. (Bilingüe)

La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada en honor de la Festividad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María.



GRACIAS Muchas gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que ayudaron con la venta de comida este domingo pasado. Gracias a su ayuda pudimos recaudar \$1,330 para apoyar nuestra parroquia. Sin ustedes no hubiéramos podido hacerlo. Que Dios los bendiga a todos!

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 8/4/13 hemos recibido un total de \$ 61,121.00 de solo 265 promesas.

HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRA META DIOCESANA. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$37,625.50 . Estamos en camino de recibir una gran recompensa para nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su compromiso y por su continua generosidad. 265 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!**

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 se llevarán a cabo desde ahora hasta el Domingo 14 de Septiembre del 2013...

Favor de inscribirse temprano... las clases se llenan rápido!

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

- La matrícula deberá pagarse al momento de la inscripción
- Deberá llenar el formulario de inscripción y ser firmado por uno de los padres
- Deberá presentar el número del sobre Parroquial
- Deberá presentar la copia del acta de nacimiento
- Deberá presentar la copia del Acta de Bautismo y Primera Comunión (si el niño recibió 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 **D3cono Mike Moss** al 1 (917) 769-4496 en cualquier momento.

PROCESI3N DE LA LEGI3N DE MARIA -La Legi3n de Mar3a les invita a la Procesi3n que se llevar3 a cabo el d3a 18 de Agosto del 2013 al terminar la Misa de las 11:30 A.M. Favor de acompañarnos con sus imágenes de la Virgen Patrona de sus pa3ses y si desean tambi3n con sus trajes t3picos. Para mas informaci3n favor de ver a cualquier miembro de la Legi3n de Mar3a.

PEREGRINACION AL SANTUARIO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ISLA—

Sta. Mar3a y Sta. Gertrudis los invita a una peregrinaci3n del Añ3 de la Fe al Santuario de Nuestra Señora de la Isla el Sábado 14 de Septiembre del 2013. Salida de Santa Mar3a a las 7:00 A.M. Costo \$30 por persona. Para boletos llamar: Estebana Nino 347-306-1241, Alejandro Perez 516-491-1255, Joanne Murray 917-757-0466 o llame a la Rectoría al 718-327-1133 ext. 10.