

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 at St. Gertrude),
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 9:30-11:00 AM—Sta. Gertrudis; Sábados 10:30-
12:00 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, August 23, 2014 - St. Rose of Lima

5:00 pm - Anthony Ajibade (dec)
 7:30 pm - Rosa Tapia Suarez (dec)
 Jose Francisco Diaz (dec)

Sunday, August 24, 2014 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - The Rosary Society
 Baby Shauna Gannon (dec)
 Blisa Medrano (dec)
 Catherine Uwaechie (dec)
 James & Julia Iloka (45th wed. annv.)
 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio
 Maria Santana (dec)
 Corazón de Jesús (acción de gracias)
 11:30 am - Hugo y Jacqueline Larios (21 aniv. de bodas)
 Adelzo Rafael Batista (sanación)
 Aureliana Rodriguez (dec)
 Presentación de la bebe Breanna Scarlet Saravia
 1:15 pm - For the people of St. Mary and St. Gertrude

Monday, August 25, 2014 - St. Louis & St. Joseph Calazanz

12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

12:10 pm - Brenda Meehan (dec)

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 - St. Monica

12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, August 28, 2014 - St. Augustine

12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, August 29, 2014 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

12:10 pm - Mass available
 7:30 pm - Por las vocaciones al Sacerdocio y vida consagrada

Saturday, August 30, 2014

5:00 pm - St. Andre (thanksgiving)
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Sunday, August 31, 2014 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Mass available
 9:45 am - Mass available
 11:30 am - María Diaz (dec)
 1:15 pm - Mass available



The Sick: Blanca Esther Cales, Juan Santana, Remi Gardner, Kathleen Briza, Kiara Velazquez, Sylvia Madison, Percival Riveaux, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithful departed especially James Zayas.

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:

Offertory Collection

1st Collection last weekend - \$5091.84
Second Collection – \$1455.00

First Collection Last Year: \$6862.00

(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 * Is 22:19-23 * Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 * Mt 16:13-20
Mon * 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 * Ps 96:1-5 * Mt 23:13-22
Tues * 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 * Ps 96:10-13 * Mt 22:23-26
Wed * 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 * Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 * Mt 23:27-32
Thurs * 1 Cor 1:1-9 * Ps 145:2-7 * Mt 24:42-51
Fri * 1 Cor 1:17-25 * Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 * Mk 6:17-29
Sat * 1 Cor 1:26-31 * Ps 33:12-13, 18-21 * Mt 25:14-30

Altar Server Assignments for Aug. 30 & 31, 2014

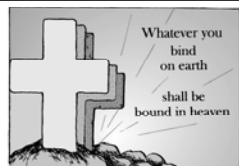
Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Genesis Contreras
 Sat. 7:30 PM - Carolena Mayorga, Miguel Garcia, Aaliyah Mayorga - Miranda
 Sun. 8:15 AM - Jacques Mathieu, Iziegbeuwa Odia, Adaora Madubuko
 Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
 Sun. 11:30 AM –Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Joselin Lopez, Jossabeth Castaneda
 Sun. 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Alexis Small, Noah Roberts

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for **Claire Borgella.**

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Who has known the mind of the Lord?” Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

RUMOR HAS IT . . .

During Jesus' time, there were many beliefs circulating about the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed of God. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recount the story of Peter's profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi; only Matthew inserts the portion we hear today in which this is a breaking manifestation of faith for Peter makes of him the rock on which Jesus can found a church. Jesus knows, as he illustrated earlier in Matthew's Gospel with the parable of the houses built on sand and rock, that nothing can endure that doesn't have a sure foundation. We also hear Jesus today immediately follow up Peter's profession with a strict command not to go around right away and tell this to others. The faith that breaks in is the foundation, but it takes time and teaching and discernment to comprehend it adequately in order to tell others about it. Indeed, in all three Gospels, the very first thing Jesus does after he is revealed as Christ through Peter's faith is to begin teaching his followers that to be "Messiah" or "Christ" means to suffer much and to die, neither of which was commonly believed about God's Anointed One.

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Throughout the Gospels there is a relentless teaching by Jesus that how we live and act on earth is intimately connected to the workings of God's heavenly reign. "Your will be done on earth as in heaven" we pray, along with "forgive us as we forgive others." In Matthew's Gospel the Last Judgment is portrayed with us being told that the manner in which we treated the hungry, poor, lowly, and oppressed is how we treated Christ. Today Jesus gives Peter—and all of us, the baptized, the church—our vocation. We can misread or misunderstand this passage to think that we have been imbued with some sort of control over the workings of heavenly grace and mercy. Rather, Jesus gives us a potent (and a bit overwhelming) charge to live the life of heaven's boundless forgiveness, to be witnesses to him, the Messiah, the Christ who, as he died on the cross to fulfill the work of those names, made his last words, "Father, forgive them."

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 38th Street, Edgemere NY
Tues Evening August 26 @7pm

"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 20, 2014 our numbers are the same as last week. We have 183 donors who have pledged \$46,571.00 which represents 97% of our Diocesan goal of \$47,883.00.; **we are almost there!!!** 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!!

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

Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Academy

It's not too late to register for this September. The Academy Office is open this week: Monday through Thursday, August 25-28 from 8AM to 1PM, and is closed on August 29 and September 1. The Office reopens on Tuesday, September 2nd at 8AM. If there are any questions, please contact the Academy Office at 718-474-7079. Additional information about Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Academy is available at: www.stroseoflimarockaway.com.

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 3rd for Grades K-8. Pre K (4) begins on Thursday, September 4th, and Pre K (3) on Friday, September 5th. Pre K parents will receive a separate letter indicating the times of attendance for these days.

Mrs. Theresa Andersen, Principal

Christ is the Reason for our Academy

We are proud to reflect the community that we serve!

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$5091.84
Segunda Colecta: \$1455.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6862.00

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.



Vigésimo primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

SEGÚN RUMORES . . .

En la época de Jesús circulaban muchas creencias sobre el Mesías, el Cristo, el Ungido de Dios. San Mateo, san Marcos y san Lucas cuentan la historia de la profesión de fe de Pedro en Cesárea de Filipo; sólo san Mateo incluye la parte que escuchamos hoy en la que esta manifestación de fe en Pedro lo convierte en la piedra sobre la que Jesús edificó su Iglesia. Jesús sabe, como lo ilustró antes en el Evangelio según san Mateo con la parábola de las casas edificadas sobre arena y sobre piedra, que nada que no tenga cimientos firmes puede durar. También hoy escuchamos a Jesús agregar, inmediatamente luego de la profesión de Pedro, una orden estricta de no decirle a nadie en seguida. La fe es la base pero se necesita tiempo, enseñanza y discernimiento para comprender esto adecuadamente y poder decírselo a los demás. Es más, en los tres evangelios, lo primero que Jesús hace luego de ser revelado como Cristo por la fe de Pedro es comenzar a enseñarle a sus discípulos que ser el “Mesías” o “Cristo” significa sufrir mucho y morir, creencias que no se tenían comúnmente sobre el Ungido de Dios.

ASÍ EN LA TIERRA COMO EN EL CIELO

En el curso de los evangelios hay una enseñanza constante de Jesús, la cual indica que la manera en que vivimos y actuamos en la tierra tiene una relación íntima con las obras del reino de Dios. “Hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo” es lo que pedimos e inmediatamente agregamos “perdona nuestras ofensas así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden”. En el juicio final del Evangelio según san Mateo se nos dice que la forma en que tratamos a los hambrientos, a los pobres, a los marginados y a los oprimidos es la forma en que tratamos a Cristo. Hoy Jesús le da a Pedro su vocación, tal como nos la da a cada uno de nosotros los bautizados, o sea, a la Iglesia. Podemos no entender este pasaje o no interpretarlo bien si pensamos que podemos ejercer algún tipo de control sobre la gracia o sobre la misericordia celestial. Es más preciso decir que Jesús nos da el encargo poderoso (y un tanto abrumador) de vivir una vida cimentada en el perdón celestial e infinito, de ser testigos de él, el Mesías, el Cristo que, al morir en la cruz para cumplir la obra que se le encargó como Mesías dijo como últimas palabras, “Padre, perdónalos”.

Vigésimo Primer Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

“Quién conoce los pensamientos del Señor?” la oración nos acerca al pensamiento de Cristo y a su voluntad para con nosotros. Si el Espíritu te llama a conocer a Cristo como sacerdote, diácono o vida consagrada, llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: 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”