

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.

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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 30, 2014

5:00 pm - St. Andre (thanksgiving)
Eugene Kaso (dec)
7:30 pm - Clara Garcia (dec)

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

8:15 am - For the people of St. Mary St. Gertrude
9:45 am - Mass available
11:30 am - María Díaz (dec)
Ermelinda Guardado (dec)
Rosa Veas Dávila (dec)
Maria Luz Ruiz de Gaitan (dec)
Ingrid Ochoa (acción de gracias)
Milton Hernandez (acción de gracias)
1:15 pm - Demetrio Sr. & Encarnacion Pondoc (dec)
Isagani Pondoc (dec)
For the souls in purgatory
Hector Alberto Agueta Estrada (dec)

Monday, September 1, 2014

12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 - St. Gregory the Great

12:10 pm - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Thursday, September 4, 2014

12:10 pm - Nidia Rodriguez (dec)

Friday, September 5, 2014 - Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

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

Saturday, September 6, 2014

5:00 pm - Mass available
7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Sunday, September 7, 2014 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Mass available
9:45 am - Divino Niño (acción de gracias)
11:30 am - Dolores y Franklin Delgado (30 aniv. de bodas)
1:15 pm - Divino Niño (acción de gracias)



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.

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 - \$3906.13
Second Collection – \$1699.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4506.00

(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 * Jer 20:7-9 * Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 * Mt 16:21-27
Mon * 1 Cor 2:1-5 * Ps 119:97-102 * Lk 4:16-30
Tues * 1 Cor 2:10b-16 * Ps 145:8-14 * Lk 4:31-37
Wed * 1 Cor 3:1-9 * Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 * Lk 4:38-44
Thurs * 1 Cor 3:18-23 * Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6 * Lk 5:1-11
Fri * 1 Cor 4:1-5 * Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 * Lk 5:33-39
Sat * 1 Cor 4:6b-15 * Ps 145:17-21 * Lk 6:1-5

Altar Server Assignments for Sept. 6 & 7, 2014

Sat. 5:00 PM - Alexis Small, Jacques Mathieu
Sat. 7:30 PM - Lisbed Flores, Osvaldo Flores, Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada
Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
Sun. 11:30 AM – Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras, Jossabeth Castaneda, Lexa Torres
Sun. 1:15 PM – Dennys Castillo, Noah Roberts

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process.” Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



The Rectory Office will be closed this Monday, Sept. 1, 2014 for Labor Day. The mass will be celebrated at 12:10 P.M.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHO IS PETER?

We are at something of a disadvantage this week, having a separation of seven days between last week's Gospel reading and this week's. In Matthew's Gospel, these two passages follow immediately upon one another. So we don't realize that, in only a hundred words or so, Jesus has moved from referring to Peter as the rock on which the church will be built to calling him "Satan." So the point is Jesus founded the church on a "Satan"? Of course not. Jesus Christ founded, and continues to build—through the presence of his Body given to us, the church, by the Spirit of baptism—on human beings. He knows now, as he knew then, our frailness and built-in shortcomings. Today he begins his explanation of what his role as Messiah will mean during his last days in Jerusalem. And poor Peter leaps to the wrong conclusion, as many of us would, and still do. Peter is insistent upon following the conventional religious wisdom, the status quo, the commonly understood view of the Messiah. But it was this very view that Jesus came into this world to subvert.

WHO ARE WE?

The spiritual author C. S. Lewis once wrote, in reflecting on how hard it is to pray for one's enemies as Christ commanded, that he had particular difficulty praying for people like Stalin or Hitler. This was because he had to come to terms with the fact that the very human failings that made them who they were are also present in each one of us. We can never be sure exactly how or why we are prevented from exercising that degree of evil and hatred; it is only through the grace and will of God that we don't. All the weakness and ignorance present in Peter today are present in all of us. We could not name one single baptized follower of Christ in whom these mortal failings were not or are not present. It is helpful for us to be alert about this, lest we follow in the way of Peter today and fail to realize that to follow Christ means following him to Jerusalem. It means actively taking up a cross, making our bodies a living sacrifice, as Paul says. It means examining the religious status quo of our day to make sure it is consistent with the sometimes harsh message of Jesus' good news. And it means making sure that we are more like last week's Peter, professing faith in Christ revealed to us by God, so we may continue to be strong and sturdy stones on which the church continues to be built.

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...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

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

Thank you to all of you who have already made a pledge. **Remember, all money received above the \$47,883.00 will be returned to the parish.**

As of August 25, 2014, we have 186 donors who have pledged \$47,071.00 which represents over 98% of our Diocesan goal of \$47,883.00.; **we are almost there!!!** We need \$812.00 in pledges to make our 2014 diocesan goal. Last year, 2013, 311 donors from the parish contributed to the appeal. With just 4 months left to fulfill our goal, we need your help. With more people contributing, we will receive a lot of money for our parish. All of our parishioners are being asked to please make a pledge. So far, we've collected \$32,067.00; we have \$15,816.00 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

Bi-Annual Marian "Spiritual" Pilgrimage to Washington DC

Please join us On Saturday, October 25, 2014 on Bishop DiMarzio's bi-annual pilgrimage to Washington DC. The day will consist of prayers, singing, and praying the rosary, to honor our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day will end with Mass at the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop DiMarzio, and concelebrated by many of our priests in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Reserve your space now. Space is limited, first come, first served.

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>.

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.

Rental Assistance for those impacted by Hurricane Sandy

Mayor de Blasio announces immediate expansion of assistance for low-income New Yorkers who were displaced by Hurricane Sandy and are facing high rent burden. The federally-funded Temporary Disaster Assistance Program (TDAP) has been expanded to provide rental assistance. For more information, contact Malik Sanders at Councilman Donovan Richards' office on 718 471-7014, or by email at CMDonovanRichards@gmail.com.

The Salvation Army is here to help the people of Far Rock-

away—The Salvation Army Rockaway Recovery Office has opened and is accepting impacted individuals for disaster case management. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call their office at (347) 926-4167 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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

The Star of the Sea Lay Carmelite Community at Saint Rose of Lima Church extends an invitation to a combined Mass and Evening Prayer on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30PM in the Adoration Chapel (130 Beach 84th Street). All are welcome, especially those interested in learning more about the Third Order (Lay) Carmelites. Information will be available after the Mass. If you are unable to come that evening, but wish information about the group, leave a message at Saint Rose of Lima rectory - 718-634-7394 or send an email to: stroserb@aol.com

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$3906.13

Segunda Colecta: \$1699.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4506.00

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!

UNA NOTA DE AGRADECIMIENTO

Queridos Hermanos en Cristo:

Queremos por este medio darle las gracias a DIOS y a nuestra Madre Santísima por la bendición que tuvimos este domingo en la procesión junto a todos ustedes; les damos la mas expresivas gracias al Padre Fulgencio Gutierrez, nuestro pastor, al diacono Eddie Montero por su apoyo, también queremos darles las gracias a los que con tanto amor trabajaron para hacer posible esta procesión, a los jóvenes monaguillos que participaron gracias, a todos los grupos de nuestra parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis y a nuestros hermanos de Santa Rosa de Lima gracias por su ayuda, y a todos los hermanos que participaron con sus donaciones, sin ustedes y su colaboración no hubiera sido posible esta hermosa bendición de compartir unidos en el amor de DIOS. Mil gracias a todas las personas que caminaron junto a la Virgen María por las calles de Far Rockaway y les pedimos sus oraciones por los hermanos policías que nos cuidaron durante el recorrido de la procesión, en fin gracias a todos; muchas gracias y que DIOS los bendiga grandemente.

Legión de María

VIVA JESUS Y VIVA MARIA, AHORA Y SIEMPRE!

Vigésimo Segundo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

"Que gracia sería que un hombre de hombre se ganara el mundo entero y se arruinara a si mismo en el proceso?" Sientes el llamado al sacerdocio, al diaconado, o a ser un hermano o hermana? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.

La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada este Lunes 1 de Septiembre del 2014 en celebración del Día del Trabajo. La misa será celebrada a las 12:10 P.M.



Vigésimo segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿QUIÉN ES PEDRO?

Estamos en una especie de desventaja esta semana, ya que siete días separan la lectura del evangelio de la semana pasada y el de esta semana. En el Evangelio según san Mateo, estos dos pasajes están juntos. Por eso no nos damos cuenta que, en tan sólo unas cien palabras, Jesús ha pasado de referirse a Pedro como la piedra sobre la cual edificará su Iglesia a llamarlo "Satanás". Entonces, ¿fundó Jesús su Iglesia en "Satanás"? Por supuesto que no. Jesucristo fundó su Iglesia sobre un ser humano y la sigue construyendo con nosotros, los seres humanos que recibimos el Espíritu en el bautismo; pero, bien conoce el Señor nuestras fragilidades y deficiencias hoy, tal como las conoció entonces. Hoy él comienza a explicar qué implicará su papel como Mesías durante sus últimos días en Jerusalén. Y el pobre Pedro saca conclusiones erróneas, como muchos de nosotros lo hubiésemos hecho y todavía lo hacemos. Pedro se empeña en obedecer las creencias religiosas convencionales, la cultura reinante, las ideas que se tenían comúnmente del Mesías. Pero eran precisamente esas ideas las que Jesús vino a cambiar.

¿QUIÉNES SOMOS NOSOTROS?

El autor espiritual C. S. Lewis escribió una vez mientras reflexionaba sobre lo difícil que es rezar por nuestros enemigos como Cristo nos ordenó, que le resultaba especialmente difícil rezar por personas como Stalin o Hitler. Esto se debía a que debía aceptar que las fallas humanas que existían en esas personas también se hallan presentes en cada uno de nosotros. Nunca podemos estar seguros de cómo o por qué no ejercemos ese grado de maldad y odio; es sólo por la gracia y la voluntad de Dios que no lo hacemos. Toda la debilidad y la ignorancia presente en Pedro está presente hoy en todos nosotros. No podemos nombrar ni a un sólo discípulo bautizado de Cristo que no haya presentado, o que no presente, estas fallas mortales. Nos es útil estar conscientes de esto, no vaya a ser que, como Pedro, no entendamos que seguir a Cristo significa seguirlo a Jerusalén. Significa tomar activamente nuestra cruz, hacer de nuestros cuerpos una ofrenda viva, como dice Pablo. Significa examinar la cultura religiosa de nuestro tiempo para asegurarnos de que sea coherente con el mensaje, a veces duro, de la Buena Nueva de Jesús. Y significa asegurarnos de ser más parecidos al Pedro de la semana pasada, que profesaba su fe en Cristo, revelado a nosotros por Dios, para poder seguir siendo piedras fuertes y sólidas sobre las cuales se sigue edificando la Iglesia.



"No solo vengan a la Iglesia, sean la Iglesia"

Del Escritorio del Diacono Mike,

Oficina de Formación de Fe y Educación Religiosa

Registración del Catecismo...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... todos los niños desde el kindergarten hasta el octavo grado deben de estar registrados ... 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. La Iglesia es UNA! Todos están invitados a participar.

En Cristo, Diácono Mike

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Peregrinación "espiritual" Mariana a Washington DC

Por favor, únase a nosotros el Sábado, 25 de octubre 2014 a la Peregrinación del Obispo DiMarzio a Washington DC. El día incluye oraciones, cantos y recitación del rosario, en honor a nuestra Señora, la Santísima Virgen María y concluirá con una Misa en la hermosa Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington DC. La Misa será celebrada por el Obispo DiMarzio, y concelebrada por muchos de nuestros sacerdotes en la Diócesis de Brooklyn. Reserve su espacio ahora. Espacio limitado, primero en llegar, primero en ser servido.

Asistencia de alquiler para afectados por el huracán Sandy -

El Alcalde de Blasio anuncio la expansión inmediata de asistencia para los neoyorquinos de bajo ingresos que fueron afectados por el huracán Sandy y se enfrentan a la carga de alquiler alto. El Programa de Asistencia para Desastres Temporal con fondos federales se ha ampliado para proporcionar ayuda para el alquiler. Para más información, póngase en contacto con Malik Sanders en la oficina del Concejal Donovan Richards al 718 471-7014, por correo electrónico al CMDonovanRichards@gmail.com.

El Ejército de Salvación está aquí para ayudar al pueblo de

Far Rockaway - El Ejército de Salvación (Salvation Army) ha abierto su oficina y esta aceptando casos para ayudar a individuos afectados por el huracán Sandy. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce necesita ayuda, por favor llame al (347) 926-416.