

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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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, September 13, 2014 - St. John Chrysostom**

5:00 pm - Mass available

7:30 pm - Jesus Soniel De Paz (dec), Manuel Guerra (dec)
 Maxima Sencion (dec)
 Emilia Morales de Rojas (dec)
 Misa en Acción de gracias

Sunday, September 14, 2014 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15 am - Catherine & Katie (dec)
 Kathleen Briza (thanksgiving)

9:45 am - Nicolas Perez (dec)
 Jeffrey Garcia (birthday)
 Legion de Maria

11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes por la Legion de Maria
 Josue Nahum Murillo (dec), Leonel Escobar (dec)
 Mirna Dinora Rodriguez Choto Idec)
 Antonia Lanuza (dec)
 Pedro Santiago Galarsa (dec)
 Guillermo Salomon Carranza Recinos (dec)
 Nicomedes Jimenez (cumpleaños)
 Misa en Acción de Gracias
 Wilfredo y Lisbeth Coronado (23 aniv. de bodas)
 Fam. Lopez (intercesión de San Miguel Arcángel)

1:15 pm - Catherine Fogarty
 Joy Anakhu (thanksgiving)

Monday, September 15, 2014 - Our Lady of Sorrow

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

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 - St. Robert Bellarmine

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

Thursday, September 18, 2014

12:10 pm - Louise Julien (birthday)

Friday, September 19, 2014 - St. Januarius

12:10 pm - For healing of the sexually abused
 7:30 pm - Por las vocaciones al Sacerdocio y vida consagrada

Saturday, September 20, 2014 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & St. Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions

5:00 pm - Odiari Family (thanksgiving)
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Sunday, September 21, 2014 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - For the people of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 9:45 am - Misa disponible
 11:30 am - Eleuterio Sandoval (dec)
 Presentación de la bebe Ashley Moreira Lopez
 1:15 pm - Andremene Desine (thanksgiving)

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 - \$4554.22****Second Collection – \$1322.00****First Collection Last Year: \$4352.00****(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.



Pray for...

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

All the faithful departed especially Antonis Lanuza, Guillermo Salomon Carranza, Adrienne Turney.

Weekday Readings**Sun** * Nm 21:4b-9 * Ps 78:1-2, 34-38 * Jn 3:13-17**Mon** * 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 * Ps 40:7-10, 17 * Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35**Tues** * 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a * Ps 100:1-5 * Lk 7:11-17**Wed** * 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 * Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 * Lk 7:31-35**Thurs** * 1 Cor 15:1-11 * Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28 * Lk 7:36-50**Fri** * 1 Cor 15:12-20 * Ps 17:1bd, 6-8b, 15 * Lk 8:1-3**Sat** * 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 * Ps 56:10c-14 * Lk 8:4-15**Altar Server Assignments for Sept. 20 & 21, 2014****Sat.** 5:00 PM - Kevin Robles, Jacques Mathieu**Sat.** 7:30 PM - Carolena Mayorga, Aaliyah Mayorga Miranda, Wendy Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez**Sun.** 8:15 AM - Bianca Salonga, Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Adaora Madubuko**Sun.** 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo**Sun.** 11:30 AM – Michelle Martinez, Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Genesis Contreras**Sun.** 1:15 PM – Lisa Deryce, Noah Roberts**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

"Whoever believes in the Son of Man will have eternal life." Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

An Invitation

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



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

BELIEVE . . .

The people of God, "their patience worn out by the journey" in the desert, complained against God and against Moses. They lost their faith and trust in the God who had saved them from the Egyptians, who brought them through the desert and who sustained them on their journey. They had been in the desert just long enough to forget gratitude.

The seraph serpent that brought healing to the Israelites is a sign and symbol that Jesus recalled when speaking of his own "lifting up" on the cross. Just as those who looked at the uplifted serpent were saved from bodily death, so we who look to Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection are saved from eternal death. God loves us so much that even when we deserve death because of our sins, God continually reaches out to us, offering us a way out of our misery.

. . . AND HAVE LIFE

Christ's love for us is so deep that he was willing to put up with the discomforts and the pain of being human, even to the point of death. We do get weary of our striving and our own efforts to live a good life. Sometimes we get to feeling sorry for ourselves, and feel we are entitled to better. God thinks so, too. That's why God gave us Jesus.

Like the people in the desert, we get just tired enough to forget gratitude. We sink into a pit of self-pity and a sense of entitlement that is not completely consistent with reality. Jesus' humility and love in sharing our human limits had a profound purpose: to save us from our selfishness and our hubris. When we look to the cross, we begin to understand the real cost of our salvation.

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 September 9, 2014, we have received no new changes. 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 only need \$812.00 in pledges to make our 2014 diocesan goal. Last year, 2013, 311 donors from our parish contributed to the appeal. With just about 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 parish's goal is to surpass \$47,883.00 in order to make sure that a nice amount of money is returned to our parish. We have 1100 registered parishioners; I know that we can count on you. **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 off 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 Rockaway

—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.

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church Joins FINY and other Groups in a March for Climate Change

Join members of our parish and thousands of people of faith from across the city on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 11:30 AM, starting from Columbus Circle (59th St and 8th Ave in Manhattan) as we urge world leaders to take immediate actions at the United Nations Climate Summit, which will begin on September 23rd, to take a stand for reducing life-changing climate conditions. Buses will be leaving from St. Mary Star of the Sea Church.

Legal Aid Society—Every Friday from 1pm to 5pm, a representative from Legal Aid Society will be in our Rockaway office to aid anyone dealing with criminal or civil issues. The Legal Aid Society is a private not-for-profit legal services organization, dedicated to one simple but powerful belief: that no New Yorker should be denied access to justice because of poverty. Please call [718-286-2450](tel:718-286-2450) or [718-471-7014](tel:718-471-7014) for more information



La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

CREE . . .

El pueblo de Dios, “estaba extenuado del camino” en el desierto, se quejaba contra Dios y contra Moisés. Perdieron la fe y la confianza en el Dios que los salvó de los egipcios, que los llevó por el desierto y los sustentó durante el viaje. Habían permanecido en el desierto bastante tiempo como para olvidarse de agradecer.

La serpiente de bronce que trajo sanación a los israelitas es un signo y un símbolo que Jesús trajo a la memoria cuando habló de ser “levantado” en la cruz. Así como los que miraban la serpiente levantada eran salvados de la muerte física, de la misma manera los que miran a Jesús en su muerte y resurrección son salvados de la muerte eterna. Dios nos ama tanto que aunque merecemos la muerte por nuestros pecados, Él continuamente nos ofrece ayuda, mostrándonos el camino para salir de nuestra desdicha.

. . . Y TENDRÁS VIDA

Es tan profundo el amor de Cristo por nosotros que estuvo dispuesto a soportar la incomodidad y el dolor del ser humano, aun hasta el punto de la muerte. Nos cansamos de nuestra lucha y nuestros esfuerzos propios para llevar una buena vida. Algunas veces nos sentimos apenados por nosotros mismos, y sentimos que tenemos derecho a algo mejor. Dios también lo cree así. Por eso nos dio a Jesús.

Como el pueblo en el desierto, nos cansamos tanto que nos olvidamos de agradecer. Nos hundimos en el pozo de la autocompasión y de sentir nuestros derechos que no son completamente consistentes con la realidad. La humildad y el amor que mostró Jesús al compartir nuestros límites humanos tuvieron un gran propósito: salvarnos de nuestro egoísmo y de nuestro orgullo. Cuando miramos a la cruz, empezamos a entender el precio real de nuestra salvación.

La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

“Quien cree en el Hijo de Hombre tendrá la vida eterna.” Te sientes llamado a traer la fe en Cristo y la vida eterna a otros como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4554.22****Segunda Colecta: \$1322.00****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4352.00****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!

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.

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> .

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.

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 aquellos afectados por el huracán Sandy. Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita ayuda, por favor llame al (347) 926-416.

La Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis se une con Fe en NY y otros grupos en una marcha por el

Cambio Climático—Únete a los miembros de nuestra parroquia y miles de personas de fe de toda la ciudad el Domingo, 21 de septiembre del 2014 a las 11:30 AM, partiendo de Columbus Circle (59th St y 8th Ave en Manhattan) para pedirles a los líderes mundiales que tomen medidas inmediatas en la Cumbre del Clima de las Naciones Unidas, que comenzará el 23 de Septiembre, para tomar una posición para reducir las condiciones climáticas que cambian nuestras vidas. Los autobuses saldrán de Santa María Estrella del Mar.

Sociedad de Servicios Legales—Cada Viernes de 1:00 pm a 5:00 pm, un representante de la Sociedad de Servicios Legales estará en nuestra oficina de Rockaway para ayudar a aquellos que necesiten ayuda con asuntos penales o civiles. La Sociedad de Servicios Legales es una organización sin fines de lucro, organización privada de servicios legales, dedicada a una simple pero poderosa creencia: que ningún neoyorquino se le debe negar el acceso a la justicia debido a la pobreza. Por favor llame al [718-286-2450](tel:718-286-2450) o [718-471-7014](tel:718-471-7014) para obtener más información.



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