

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



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## **PASTOR:**

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## **PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
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Deacon Rene Hernandez

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

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## **TRUSTEES:**

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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:**

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

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496  
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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:** 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, September 27, 2014 - St. Vincent de Paul**

5:00 pm - Odiari Family (thanksgiving)  
 7:30 pm - Herminia Galbes (dec)  
 Paula Elvira Damian (dec)  
 Divino Niño Jesus (acción de gracias)

**Sunday, September 28, 2014 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - The Rosary Society  
 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio  
 11:30 am - Maria Diaz (dec)  
 Olga Eraso (dec)  
 Antonia Lanuza (dec)  
 1:15 pm - Consejo R. Villadiego (dec)

**Monday, September 29, 2014 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

12:10 pm - Mass available

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014 - St. Jerome**

12:10 pm - St. Andre (thanksgiving)

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

12:10 pm - Mass available

**Thursday, October 2, 2014 - The Holy Guardian Angels**

12:10 pm - Joseph Pandolfo

**Friday, October 3, 2014**

12:10 pm - Mass available  
 7:30 pm - Esther De Paugam (dec)

**Saturday, October 4, 2014 - St. Francis of Assisi**

5:00 pm - Odiari Family (thanksgiving)  
 7:30 pm - Nidia Rodriguez (dec)  
 Lise Bastien (dec)

**Sunday, October 5, 2014 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - Placid & Marie Gomez (thanksgiving)  
 9:45 am - Divino Niño Jesus (acción de gracias)  
 11:30 am - Maria Josefa Almonte Collado (dec)  
 1:15 pm - Divino Niño Jesus (acción de gracias)

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“He humbled Himself and became obedient...” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



**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 - \$3931.66**

**Second Collection – \$1297.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$4568.00**

**(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.



**The Sick:** Christopher Connolly, Juan Santana, Remi Gardner, Kiara Velazquez, Sylvia Madison, Percival Riveaux, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

**All the faithful departed especially Patricia Chapin Marasco.**

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun** \* Ez 18:25-28 \* Ps 25:4-9 \* Mt 21:28-32  
**Mon** \*Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a \* Ps 138:1-5 \* Jn 1:47-51  
**Tues** \* Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 \* Ps 88:2-8 \* Lk 9:51-56  
**Wed** \* Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 \* Ps 88:10-15 \* Lk 9:57-62  
**Thurs** \* Jb 19:21-27 \* Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 \* Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Fri** \* Jb 38:1,12-21,40:3-5 \* Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14b \* Lk 10:13-16  
**Sat** \* Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 \* Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 \* Lk 10:17-24

**Altar Server Assignments for Oct. 4 & 5, 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, Adaora Madubuko  
**Sun.** 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo  
**Sun.** 11:30 AM – Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras, Jossabeth Castaneda, Dennys Castillo  
**Sun.** 1:15 PM – Lisa Deryce, Noah Roberts

**NO MASS INTENTIONS FRIDAYS AFTER 3:00 P.M.**

Beginning October 1, 2014 we will not take any **MASS INTENTIONS FRIDAYS AFTER 3:00 P.M.** If you want a Mass intention you must come to the rectory before Friday 3:00 P.M. Also if you would like your intention to appear in the bulletin, you must schedule the intention before 1:00 P.M. Wednesday.



## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ON CHANGING A TIRE

Years ago, a television commercial showed a man driving his car on a rainy night. The man, who looks as though he's had a rough day and just wants to get home, comes across an elderly couple with a flat tire on the side of the road. The man drives past the disabled car, then stops. He can do the right thing—change the flat tire for the couple—and get drenched in the process, or he can keep on going. The expression on his face sums up his torn feelings. He looks as though he wishes he hadn't seen the couple at all. But he has seen them, and in the end, he climbs out of his car to help.

### ON CHANGING THE WORLD

It's all about choice, isn't it? Generally, we know what's right and what's wrong. We know the virtuous path. The trouble is, the other path is usually the easier and more expedient one, and often, perhaps, it is our first choice. For those of us who struggle with such choices, what a great Gospel reading! And how comforting it is if—as we do our part in building up the reign of God—we can see ourselves more often than not like the first son, the son who said “no” but then “yes!”

Our choices are our own, and the Lord says that we shall live or die by them. Paul counsels us to choose wisely by taking on the values and attitude of Jesus. The prostitutes and the tax collectors? Yes, they made some bad choices. But when John called them to repentance, they changed their attitudes and came running. Not so the chief priests and the elders. If anything, they ran the other way. That man in the commercial didn't want to change the tire, but in the end, he did. If ultimately we say yes to Jesus, we can all change a whole lot more.

### FALL PRAYER

**GOD OF** every time and place, we thank you for the beauties that autumn brings to us.

As the seasons and our lives change, may we see your guiding hand in everything we do.

As the harvest is brought in, we remember your generosity by sharing with those in need.

We know your presence is unchanging, through all the changes that the seasons of our lives might bring. In your merciful love. God of all seasons, hear our prayer, now and forever.

Amen.

### 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 22, 2014, we have 197 donors who have pledged \$48,636.00. WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL; YEAH!, Last year, 2013, 311 donors from our parish contributed to the appeal, and we were able to receive back to our parish over \$6,000.00. With just about 3 1/4 months left to fulfill our goal, we need your help. We will not receive any return back from the diocese until we've completely satisfied our goal of \$47,883.00 All of our parishioners are being asked on to make a pledge.

So far, we've collected \$35,611.00; we have \$12,272.00 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. **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!!**



### SPECIAL COLLECTION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have asked all of our parishes to take up a special collection this weekend, September 27-28 to assist our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims in the Middle East providing urgent humanitarian aid to people in Iraq, Syria and Gaza and surrounding countries. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

### **St. Rose of Lima Church** **20th Anniversary of Adoration of the Eucharist** **October 1994 – October 2014**

All are invited to gather to Thank God for the Blessings of Adoration in the parish, families and community on Thursday, October 2, 2014. Mass at 7:30 P.M. followed by Eucharistic Procession. Main celebrant: Father Peter D. Guillen, KCHS Come join the celebration!

### *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.

#### **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.

#### **Far Rockaway Long Term Recovery Assistance “Call to**

**Action**” - The Far Rockaway Long term Recovery team meet every other Wednesday night. This group is diligently working to assist in the long term recovery of the Rockaways. They can offer assistance and referrals to families who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Join them this week on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Battalion Pentecostal Assembly, Inc., 454 Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Arverne, NY. All are welcome; pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

#### **An Invitation from NYC Council Speaker Melissa Mark-**

**Viverito**—NYC Council Speaker Mark-Viverito is extending an invitation to all to attend an event, “A Greener NYC,” at City Hall, on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 5:30 PM. Join the Council and gather important information about protecting our environment. Remember, God entrusted this planet to us to take care of and to maintain. Everyone, both adults and children, must take part in protecting our planet from ‘global warming.’

#### **Free Flu Shots in Far Rockaway**

The Visiting Nurse Service is giving free flu shots in Far Rockaway next Thursday, October 2, 2014, from 10AM to 12 Noon at Thriftway Pharmacy, 2012 Mott Avenue in Far Rockaway.



## Vigésimo sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### **CAMBIANDO UNA LLANTA**

Hace años, un anuncio por televisión mostraba a un hombre manejando su automóvil en una noche lluviosa. El hombre, que parecía haber tenido un día difícil y deseaba solamente llegar a su casa, se tropieza en el camino con una pareja de ancianos que tienen una llanta desinflada. El hombre pasa primero de largo, pero después se detiene. Él puede hacer lo correcto –cambiar la llanta a la pareja de ancianos– con lo cual se empaparía, o pudiera seguir su camino. La expresión de su rostro demuestra su dilema. Habría deseado no haber visto a la pareja. Pero los ha visto y por fin se baja de su carro a ayudarlos.

### **CAMBIANDO AL MUNDO**

Es cuestión de escoger, ¿cierto? Generalmente sabemos lo que es bueno y lo que es malo. Conocemos la senda de la virtud. El problema es que el otro camino es generalmente más fácil y rápido y, con frecuencia, quizás es nuestra primera elección. Para aquellos de nosotros que luchamos con esos dilemas, ¡qué lectura evangélica tan excelente! Y ¡cuán reconfortante es –si mientras hacemos lo que nos corresponde para construir el reino de Dios– podemos vernos la mayoría de las veces como el primer hijo, el que dijo “no” pero luego dijo “sí!”.

La decisión es nuestra, y el Señor dice que viviremos o moriremos según lo que escojamos. Pablo nos aconseja que escojamos sabiamente imitando los valores y las actitudes de Jesús. ¿Y qué de las prostitutas y los recaudadores de impuestos? Sí, hicieron decisiones equivocadas, pero cuando Juan los llamó a que se arrepintieran, cambiaron su actitud y vinieron apresurados. No así los sumos sacerdotes y los ancianos. Ellos, si acaso se apresuraron, fue en la otra dirección. Ese hombre del anuncio no quería cambiar la llanta, pero al final lo hizo. Si finalmente le decimos “¡sí!” a Jesús, podremos hacer más y mejores cambios.

### **Vigésimo Sexto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario**

“Él se humilló y se hizo obediente.” Si el Señor te invitara a seguirlo en obediencia y humildad como sacerdote o en la vida consagrada, cómo responderías? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**COLECTA ESPECIAL** - La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos han pedido a todas las parroquias hacer una colecta especial este fin de semana, septiembre 27-28 para ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas cristianos y otras víctimas inocentes en el Medio Oriente y proveer ayuda humanitaria urgente a la población de Irak, Siria y Gaza y los países vecinos. Por favor sea lo más generoso posible. Gracias!

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

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$3931.66

Segunda Colecta: \$1297.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4568.00

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!

**ORACION DEL OTOÑO**

**Dios** de todo tiempo y lugar, te damos gracias por las bellezas que el otoño nos trae.

Mientras las estaciones y nuestras vidas cambian, podemos ver Tu mano guíanos en todo lo que hacemos.

Al llegar la cosecha, nos acordamos de Tu generosidad al compartir con los mas necesitados.

Sabemos que Tu presencia es inmutable, en todos los cambios que las estaciones en nuestras vidas puedan traer .

En Tu amor misericordioso. Dios de todas las estaciones, escucha nuestra oración, ahora y para siempre. Amén.

**NO TOMAREMOS INTENCIONES DE MISAS LOS VIERNES DESPUES DE LAS 3:00 P.M.**

Comenzando el primero de Octubre del 2014, no se tomaran intenciones de Misas los Viernes después de las 3:00 P.M. Si usted desea una intención de Misa, deberá venir a la Rectoría antes de las 3:00 P.M el Viernes. También, si usted desea que su intención sea incluida en el boletín, usted deberá anotar su intención antes de la 1:00 P.M. del Miércoles.

**RETIRO DE MUJERES**

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis tendrá un Retiro de Mujeres el Domingo 12 de Octubre de 1:00 P.M. a 6:00 P.M. con la Exposición del Santísimo en el auditorio.

***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.

**"Llamada a la Acción" Asistencia de Recuperación a**

**Largo Plazo de Far Rockaway**—El equipo de recuperación a largo plazo de Far Rockaway se reúne cada segundo en la noche. Este grupo está trabajando diligentemente para ayudar en la recuperación a largo plazo de los Rockaways. Ellos pueden ofrecer ayuda y referencias a las familias que fueron afectadas por el huracán Sandy. Únete a ellos esta semana el Miércoles, 1 de Octubre 2014, de 7:00 PM a 8:30 en la Iglesia Batallón Asamblea Pentecostal, 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. Todos son bienvenidos; corra la voz a sus familias, amigos y vecinos.

**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.

**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.

**Cursos GRATIS de \*OSHA\***- Caridades Católicas esta patrocinando un curso de Administración y seguridad Ocupacional en español GRATIS el Miércoles 1 de Octubre y el Jueves 2 de Octubre de 4 p.m. a 10 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Caridades Católicas en el 23-40 Astoria Blvd. Astoria, N.Y. Para mas información, llame a Tim al 347-957-2450.

**Una invitación del presidente del Concejo Municipal de Nueva York Melissa Mark-Viverito**

El presidente del Concejo Municipal de Nueva York Melissa Mark-Viverito está extendiendo una invitación a todos a asistir a un evento, "A Greener NYC", en el Ayuntamiento, el Martes, 30 de septiembre 2014 a las 5:30 PM. Únete al Consejo y obtenga información importante en como proteger nuestro medio ambiente. Recuerda, Dios nos dio este planeta para nosotros cuidarlo y mantenerlo. Todos nosotros, niños y adultos, debemos tomar parte en proteger nuestro planeta del 'calentamiento global'.

**Vacunas contra Flu gratis en Far Rockaway**

El servicio de enfermeras visitantes estará en la Farmacia Thriftway, 2012 Mott Avenue en Far Rockaway ofreciendo vacunas contra la gripe gratis el próximo Jueves, 02 de octubre 2014, de 10 am a 12 pm.



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