

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



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## **PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
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## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:**

Yvonne Hall

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, 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), 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**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, October 5, 2013**

- 5:00 pm - John Schiavone (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Enriqueta Covarrubio (dec)
- Sebastiana Zaldana (dec)
- Maria Josefa Almonte Collado (dec)

**Sunday, October 6, 2013 –Twenty–seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 am - Mass for the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
- 9:45 am - Ruby Scott (birthday)
- Tere Mejía - Acción de Gracias
- 11:30 am - Mayra Velazquez (cumpleaños)
- Carmen Arguera (dec)
- Salvadora Rolin Lopez
- Presentación del bebe Jose Gustavo Ostorga
- 1:15 pm - Divino Niño Jesus - Acción de Gracias
- Laura Miriam George (birthday)
- Nigerian Committee (Independence)

**Monday, October 7, 2013 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

- 12:10 pm - Our Lady of Victory—Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

- 12:10 pm - Mass for the Sick

**Wednesday, October 9, 2013 - St. Dennis & Companions, St. John Leonardi**

- 12:10 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude

**Thursday, October 10, 2013**

- 12:10 pm - For the souls in Purgatory

**Friday, October 11, 2013 - Bl. John XXIII**

- 12:10 pm - Mass for the sick
- 7:30 pm - Guadalupe Vasquez (dec)

**Saturday, October 12, 2013**

- 5:00 pm - Patricia Oluremi Sokunbi-Jones (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Yida Castillo (dec)

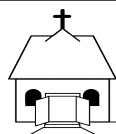
**Sunday, October 13, 2013 –Twenty–eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 am - Mary Regina Curley (dec)
- 9:45 am - Leonarda Ayala (dec)
- 11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes
- 1:15 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude



**The Sick:** Miguel Mena, Elsie Edelen, Martha Chanona, Kathleen Briza, Christine Riley, Joanne Vasquez, Lila Bacchus, Eneida Marrero, Kiara Velazquez, Mary Morin, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.

**The faithful departed:** All the faithful departed.



**Welcome to Our Parish**

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**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 - \$5114.86**

**Second Collection- \$1551.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$4770.00**

**(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** \* Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4 \* Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 \* Lk 17:5-10

**Mon** \* Jon 1:1-2;2,11 \* (Ps) Jon 2:2-5,8 \* Lk 10:25-37

**Tues** \* Jon 3:1-10 \* Ps 130:1-4,7-8 \* Lk 10:38-42

**Wed** \* Jon 4:1-11 \* Ps 86:3-6,9-10 \* Lk 11:1-4

**Thurs** \* Mal 3:13-20 \* Ps 1:1-4,6 \* Lk 11:5-13

**Fri** \* Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2 \* Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16 \* Lk 11:15-26

**Sat** \* Jl 4:12-21 \* Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 \* Lk 11:27-28

**Altar Server Assignments for Oct. 12 & 13, 2013**

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Kimora George
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Melissa Ventura, Jossabeth Castaneda, Hilda Hernandez
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM - Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Evin Flores, Dennys Castillo
- Sun. 1:15 PM - Jamal Michel, Stephan Jean-Michel, Vilmar Jean-Michel

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK:** In memory of a departed relative or friend.

FLOWERS (each arrangement)	\$55.00
BREAD AND WINE	\$50.00
CANDLES	\$15.00

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

The sanctuary candle is given for  
**Lila Bacchus (healing).**



## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FAITH IN ACTION

Today's scriptures are situated in the midst of a long lesson on the vocation of discipleship. Over the last several weeks we have heard about our calling to be humble, to detach ourselves from worldly possessions, to give and receive forgiveness, and to care for those in need. In the next two weeks we will hear about our calling to give thanks in all things and to persevere in faithfulness until the end.

This Sunday our attention is focused on the gift of faith, a gift that is meant not to be put on a shelf, but to be put into action. Habakkuk offers us a good example. He believes that God will answer prayers and intervene on behalf of the suffering. He puts this faith into action in the form of an urgent plea to God, and receives a vision that his faith will surely be rewarded. In the Gospel, the image of faith the size of a mustard seed illustrates the power of faith well used. The story of the faithful servants reminds us that putting our faith into action is an essential requirement of the vocation of discipleship.

### “STIR INTO FLAME THE GIFT YOU HAVE FROM GOD”

The Spirit has many means of enkindling and tending the flame of faith within us—nature, life experiences, our Christian companions, the sacraments, the scriptures, Church teaching, and the life of service. We are indeed blessed to receive such a gift. Yet that precious flame can fade into a mere ember unless we stoke it into a blazing fire from which others can derive warmth and light. The reading from Timothy encourages us to put our faith into action “with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us” (2 Timothy 1:14). The Spirit will increase not only our faith, but our “power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7) when we respond to the Christian vocation to put the gift of faith into action.

### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“God did not give us a spirit of cowardice.” Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond your fearful hesitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).



**RCIA** If you have not received all three Sacraments of Initiation to the Catholic Church: Baptism, Holy Eucharist AND Confirmation please call the rectory Office 718-327-1133 to schedule an appointment

with one of the Deacons or Priest.... the Church is here for you!



### 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”

Mary, Mother Most Glorious, the Resurrection of your Son reminds us of the Father’s constant care for us – that even during the most grievous sorrows and hardships, He will never abandon us to sin and death. Through your intercession, present our deepest thanks and joyful praise for all that we have been given: our talents, our attributes, our families and our friends, our homes, our very lives. As we grow in love with the living Jesus, help us to live the hope and true joy of the Resurrection each day so that the people in our lives can see that we are deeply happy and at peace. Amen.

*Miracle of Christmas*



### Back by popular demand!

Join us on Saturday, December 28, 2013  
To experience the birth of Jesus Christ  
at Sight and Sound Theatre in Pennsylvania.

**\$135 for adults, \$95.00 children (under age 13)**

Space is limited – Call the rectory to reserve your seat now!!! 718-327-1133  
See flyer in church lobby for more information.

**Deposit required.**

### FRUITVALE STATION MOVIE

Please join Christ the King, Christ Church International and Christ Temple, who are hosting a private showing of the movie "Fruitvale Station" at The Jamaica Multiplex Cinemas, on Jamaica Avenue and Parsons Blvd, on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 9:15 AM. Tickets are \$10.00. Reserve your space now. Please pick up a flyer in the Church lobby for more information.

**Thank You** Thanks to all the parishioners who help with the Food Sales last Sunday.

Thanks to your contributions and your participation, we were able to raised \$2,300 to support our parish. We would not have been able to do it without you. God bless you.

### 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 9-29-13 we have commitments totaling \$62,151.00 received from 283 pledges. WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL. We have already collected \$44,753.37 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. 283 represents about 28% 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. ***It is not too late to make a pledge.***

**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!!*

### CANONIZATION OF BLESSED JOHN PAUL II & JOHN XXIII

The Catholic Tour LLC is a 33 year old Catholic Travel Apostolate and has been able to secure 99 air seats and hotels beds for the Canonization of Blessed John Paul II and Blessed John XXIII and a pilgrimage is set for April 21-28, 2014 departing from five different airports across the United States. The pilgrimage pricing will start at approximately \$3300.00, which includes your transatlantic airfare, hotel, most meals, tour escort, deluxe motor coach, and all airline fees and taxes. Come and see our new Holy Father Pope Francis on this historic event in Rome, Italy.

Please call or visit The Catholic Tour toll free at 1-877-627-4268 or simply e-mail Martha Crowley (mcrowley@thecatholictour.com) for further information, reservations forms, etc. The Catholic Tour looks forward to serving you in this just announced historic event of our Catholic Church.

**The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center** will be offering **free** speech and hearing screenings and Hearing Aid Help (for anyone who has hearing aid and may be having difficulty caring or using it) from Sept. 16 through Dec. 12, 2013. The Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, N.Y. Please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment.

### OPEN HOUSE

#### Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School

71-06 Thirty-First Ave. East Elmhurst  
Sat. October 12, 2013—1:00-4:00pm

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#### Saint Joseph High School

80 Willoughby Street Brooklyn, NY 11201  
718-624-3618

Thursday, October 17, 2013—5:30-7:30pm  
All 7th and 8th Grade girls and their parents are Welcome.

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#### Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School

357 Clermont Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11238  
718-857-2700

Sunday, October 27, 2013—1:00-5:00pm

### EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

**Domingo Pasado: \$5114.86**

**Segunda Colecta: \$1551.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4770.00**

**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!



AÑO DE LA FE 2012

### El Año de la Fe

Durante el Año de la Fe, por favor traten de llevar a casa la Cruz de Vocaciones por una semana. Invite a su familia, amigos, vecinos y feligreses a unirse para rezar por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas, y también por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio. Recuerden, sin sacerdotes, no habría Eucaristía, y la Eucaristía es el centro de nuestra fe.

### Oración del Año de la Fe

María, Madre Gloriosa, la resurrección de tu Hijo nos recuerda constantemente el cuidado de nuestro Padre por nosotros - aun en los momentos más dificultades, Él nunca nos abandona al pecado y a la muerte. A través de Tu intercesión, presentamos nuestro más profundo agradecimiento y gozosa alabanza por todo lo que se nos ha dado: nuestros talentos, cualidades, nuestras familias y amigos, nuestros hogares, y hasta nuestra vida misma. Mientras crecemos en el amor con Jesucristo, ayúdanos a vivir la verdadera esperanza y alegría de la Resurrección cada día para que la gente en nuestras vidas puedan vernos felices y en paz. Amen.

### Vigésimo séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Dios no nos ha dado un espíritu de cobardía." ¿Dejas que el Espíritu Santo te lleve más allá de la temerosa duda de seguir a Cristo como un Sacerdote, Diácono o en una vida consagrada? Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (718)827-2454.



## Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### LA FE EN ACCIÓN

Las lecturas de este domingo están situadas en medio de un largo discurso de Jesús sobre lo que significa ser un discípulo. A lo largo de las últimas semanas le hemos oído hablar de nuestro llamado a ser humildes, a desprendernos de los bienes terrenos, a perdonar y pedir perdón y a ayudar a los necesitados. En las próximas dos semanas le oiremos hablar sobre nuestro llamado a dar gracias por todo y en todo, y a ser fieles hasta el fin.

Este domingo nuestra atención se enfoca en el don de la fe, un don que no se nos concede para que lo pongamos en una vitrina, sino para que lo pongamos en acción. El profeta Habacuc nos ofrece un buen ejemplo. Habacuc cree que Dios escucha nuestras oraciones e interviene a favor de los que sufren. Él pone su fe en acción en forma de una súplica urgente, y recibe una visión que le asegura que su fe se verá recompensada. En el Evangelio, la imagen de una fe del tamaño de un granito de mostaza nos ilustra el poder de una fe bien utilizada. La historia de los servidores fieles nos recuerda que el poner la fe en acción es un requisito esencial de la vocación del discípulo de Cristo.

#### “REAVIVA EL DON QUE HAS RECIBIDO DE DIOS”

El Espíritu Santo tiene muchas maneras de encender y de reavivar en nuestro corazón la llama de la fe –la naturaleza, nuestras experiencias en la vida, nuestros amigos y compañeros cristianos, los sacramentos, la Sagrada Escritura, las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y nuestra vida de servicio al prójimo. Es una verdadera bendición recibir ese don divino. Pero esa llama tan preciosa se puede extinguir como mera brasa, a menos que la aticemos hasta convertirla en una hoguera en la cual nuestros prójimos puedan encontrar luz y calor. La lectura de la carta a Timoteo nos anima a poner nuestra fe en acción “con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo que habita en nosotros” (2 Timoteo 1:14). El Espíritu acrecentará no sólo nuestra fe, sino también nuestra fortaleza, nuestro amor y nuestro buen juicio (véase 2 Timoteo 1:7) cuando correspondamos a la vocación cristiana de poner en acción el don de la fe.



Se invita a toda aquellas personas que no tienen sus sacramentos de iniciación, Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación que se registren para el proceso de RICA. Para registrarse favor de pasar por la rectoría o llame al 718-327-1133 para mas información.

**GRACIAS** Muchas gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que ayudaron con la venta de comida este domingo pasado. Gracias a su ayuda pudimos recaudar \$2,300 para apoyar nuestra parroquia. Sin ustedes no hubiéramos podido hacerlo. Que Dios los bendiga a todos!

Miracle  
of Christmas



### Una vez mas por demanda popular!!

Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros el  
Sábado, 28 de Diciembre del 2013  
para experimentar el nacimiento de Jesucristo  
En el Teatro Sight and Sound en Pennsylvania.

**\$135 por adultos, \$95.00 niños (hasta los 13 años)**

Espacio limitado – Favor llamar a la rectoría  
para reservar su asiento!!! 718-327-1133  
Vea el volante en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia  
para mas información.

**Se requiere un Deposito.**

### 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 9/23/13 hemos recibido un total de \$62,151.00 de solo 283 promesas. HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRA META DIOCESANA. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$44,753.37. Estamos en camino de recibir una gran recompensa para nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su compromiso y por su continua generosidad. 283 representa alrededor del 28% 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!**