

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.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

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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), 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: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

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, October 12, 2013

- 5:00 pm - Patricia Oluremi Sokunbi-Jones (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)
 - Jose Maria Enriquez (dec)
 - Nidia Rodriguez (dec)
 - Tobia Gutierrez (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
 - Salvadora Rolin Lopez (dec)
 - Ernestina Torres (dec)
 - Nidia Rodriguez (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio (healing)

Monday, October 14, 2013 - St. Callistus I

- 9:00 am - Nidia Rodriguez (dec)

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - St. Teresa de Jesus

- 12:10 pm - Nidia Rodriguez (dec)

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 - St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

- 12:10 pm - Nidia Rodriguez (dec)

Thursday, October 17, 2013 -St. Ignatius of Antioch

- 12:10 pm - For the souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 18, 2013 - St. Luke

- 12:10 pm - Mass for the sick
- 7:30 pm - Por el Pueblo de Santa Maria y Santa Gertrudis

Saturday, October 19, 2013 -St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues and Companions

- 5:00 pm - Mass for the Sick
- 7:30 pm - En honor a Jesus de Nazareno - Acción de Gracias
 - Fernando Diaz (dec)
 - Rosilyn Rodriguez (birthday)

Sunday, October 20, 2013 –Twenty–ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Mary Murphy (dec)
 - Chidera & Amala Madubuko (birthday)
- 9:45 am - For all Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 am - Jorge Martinez Cruz (dec)
 - Salvadora Rolin Lopez (dec)
 - Rolando Fajardo (dec)
 - Catalina Zipriano (dec)
- 1:15 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude



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

Clarke.

The faithful departed: Nidia Rodriguez.

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 - \$5286.86

Second Collection- \$1621.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4698.00

(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** * 2 Kgs 5:14-17 * Ps 98:1-4 * Lk 17:11-19
- Mon** * Rom 1:1-7 * Ps 98:1-4 * Lk 11:29-32
- Tues** * Rom 1:16-25 * Ps 19:2-5 * Lk 11:37-41
- Wed** * Rom 2:1-11 * Ps 62:2-3, 6-7,9 * Lk 11:42-46
- Thurs** * Rom 3:21-30 * Ps 130:1-6 * Lk 11:47-54
- Fri** * 2 Tom 4:10-17 * Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 * Lk 10:1-9
- Sat** * Rom 4:13,16-18 * Ps 105:6-9,42-43 * Lk 12:8-12

Altar Server Assignments for Oct. 19 & 20, 2013

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Alexis Small
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras, Joseph Rodriguez
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Iziegbeuwa Odia, Adaora Madubuko
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM- Sebastian Rosas, Joselin Lopez, Axel Lopez, Miguel Garcia
- Sun. 1:15 PM- Jamal Michel, Henry Jean-Michel, Lisa Deryce

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).



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

This Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M.



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“PLUNGED” AND “CLEANSED”

Clear parallels exist between the characters in today’s scripture stories and our own lives as Christians. Just as Naaman was “plunged into the Jordan” (2 Kings 5:14) we were plunged—the word “baptize” is derived from a root word meaning “plunge”—into the waters of baptism. Just as Naaman became “like . . . a little child” (2 Kings 5:14), in baptism we were born into new life as children of God. Just as the lepers in the Gospel turned to Jesus for mercy and “were cleansed” and “healed” (Luke 17:14, 15), we, too, were washed clean and healed of our sins in baptism. Finally, like both Naaman and the Samaritan leper, most of us have never been members of the Jewish people. Yet we are among those of whom the Letter to Timothy speaks: In baptism we were “chosen, so that [we] too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory” (2 Timothy 2:10).

GIVING THANKS

We who have received so much healing through Christ should devote our lives to giving God thanks and praise. All of us were “foreigners” until we were baptized. None of us deserves God’s daily mercy and care. And it is through our public expressions of thanks for God’s grace in our lives that others come to know the saving power of Jesus Christ. Thus, public thanksgiving is central to the life of Christian discipleship.

The Eucharist is our primary means of giving public praise and thanks to God. Together we give thanks for the gifts of creation and the covenant. We give thanks for the gift of salvation that is ours through Jesus Christ and for the gifts of abundant life, unity, and healing that the Holy Spirit continually pours out on us. During the Eucharist we also “sing joyfully to the LORD” (Psalm 98:4) in thanksgiving for the daily gifts of God in each of our lives. In the words that we say before every Eucharistic Prayer, “It is right to give [God] thanks and praise.”

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” How will you respond in gratitude to the mercy the Lord has shown you? Consider giving thanks as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



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, only after Jesus ascended into heaven to be fully united with the Father and Spirit was a flesh and blood human heart present in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Help us to give ourselves fully to the radical mystery, this Sacred Heart of love. In contemplating Christ’s “bodiliness,” help us to grow in new appreciation for every human person and keep us from separating anything that is fully human from the life of the Church. As a human mother, you were to witness the fact that by drawing the union of Christ’s divine and human nature into the heart of the mystery, the Father has brought untold dignity to all of mankind. 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.

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 10-6-13 our commitments total \$62,821.00 received from 285 pledges. WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL. We have already collected \$46,235.37 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. 285 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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The NYPD announces new website for civilian job opportunities. If you are interested in applying for a job as a School Safety Agent, Traffic Enforcement Agent or 911 Operator, go the following website for more information: **www.NYPDCivilianJobs.com**; or you may call 212 RECRUIT (212 732-7848).

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5286.86
Segunda Colecta: \$1621.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4698.00

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!



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, Gloriosa Madre, sólo después de que Jesús resucitó al cielo para unirse completamente con el Padre y el Espíritu fue un corazón humano presente en el misterio de la Santísima Trinidad. Ayúdanos a entregarnos totalmente al misterio radical, a este Sagrado Corazón de amor. En la contemplación del Cristo "corporal", ayúdanos a crecer en nueva apreciación por cada vida humana y no permitas que separemos todo lo que es plenamente humano de la vida de la Iglesia. Como una madre humana, eres testigo de la unión de la naturaleza divina y humana de Cristo en el corazón del misterio, el Padre ha traído dignidad incalculable a toda la humanidad. Amen.

Vigésimo octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Jesús, Maestro, ten misericordia de nosotros!" ¿Cómo respondes con gratitud a la misericordia que el Señor te ha mostrado? Considera la posibilidad de la agradecerle como un Sacerdote, Diácono o en una vida consagrada? Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (718)827-2454 o email: vocations@diobrook.org.



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.



Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“SUMERGIDOS” Y “LIMPIOS”

Existen claros paralelos entre los personajes de las lecturas de este domingo y nuestra vida de cristianos. Así como Naamán se sumergió en el Jordán (2 Reyes 5:14) también nosotros nos sumergimos en las aguas del bautismo –la raíz griega de la palabra “bautizar” significa “sumergir”. Y así como Naamán quedó “como ... un niño” (2 Reyes 5:14) nosotros también en el bautismo salimos como recién nacidos a una nueva vida como hijos e hijas de Dios. Al igual que los leprosos en el Evangelio de hoy pidieron misericordia a Cristo, y quedaron limpios y sanos, también nosotros en nuestro bautismo fuimos lavados de toda mancha, y sanados de la lepra del pecado. Al igual que Naamán y que el leproso samaritano, la mayoría de nosotros nunca hemos sido miembros del pueblo de Israel. Y sin embargo, también es de nosotros que habla la carta a Timoteo cuando dice que en el bautismo fuimos elegidos, para alcanzar “la salvación que hay en Cristo Jesús y la gloria eterna”. (2 Timoteo 2:10)

DAR GRACIAS

Nosotros que, por medio de Cristo hemos sido sanados tantas veces, debemos dedicar nuestra vida a dar gracias y alabanza a Dios. Todos éramos “extranjeros” hasta el día de nuestro bautismo. Ninguno de nosotros tiene derecho a la misericordia ni a la atención que Dios nos da día por día. Cuando expresamos públicamente nuestra gratitud a Dios por las gracias concedidas en nuestra vida, los demás pueden llegar a conocer el poder salvador de Jesucristo. Así pues, dar gracias públicamente es un factor central en la vida del discípulo de Cristo.

La Misa es nuestra manera principal de dar gracias y alabanza pública a Dios. Todos juntos damos gracias por los dones de la creación y por la alianza. Damos gracias a Dios por el don gratuito de la salvación que recibimos por medio de Jesucristo y por los dones de vida abundante, de unidad y de curación que el Espíritu Santo derrama sin cesar sobre nosotros. Durante la Eucaristía también “cantamos al Señor con alegría” (Salmo 98:1–4), dando gracias por los dones que diariamente derrama en la vida de cada uno de nosotros. Así pues, demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios, porque como dice la Plegaria Eucarística, “es justo y necesario”.



LA RECTORIA ESTARA CERRADA

Este Lunes, 14 de Octubre en observación del Día de Cristóbal Colón. Se celebrará solo una Misa a las 9:00 A.M.

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 10/6/13 hemos recibido un total de \$62,821.00 de solo 285 promesas. HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRA META DIOCESANA. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$46,235.37. Estamos en camino de recibir una gran recompensa para nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su compromiso y por su continua generosidad. 285 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!**