

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



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## **PASTOR:**

Rev. Fulgencio Gutierrez, Ext. 22

## **PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero  
Deacon Rene Hernandez

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
Mrs. Carmen Montero, Ext. 10

## **IN RESIDENCE:**

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18  
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## **TRUSTEES:**

Miguel Jimenez  
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## **PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:**

Yvonne Hall

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, Ext. 25**

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Ms. Carmen Macfie, CCD  
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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

## **MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiogo, 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 26, 2013**

5:00 pm - Charles Eugenard (dec), Kemroy Jeremiah (dec)  
Emmanuel Odairi (birthday)

7:30 pm - Carmen Rodriguez (85th birthday)  
Irma y Manuel Guerra (dec), Sotera Ochoa (dec)

**Sunday, October 27, 2013 –Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - Derrick Heron, William Shanahan (dec)  
Mrs. P. Diagboya & Family - Thanksgiving

9:45 am - Por las almas del Purgatorio  
Immaculate Conception—Carnel Yuirand  
Herry & Rita Leroy and Family (45th wed. anniv.)

11:30 am - Salvadora Rolin Lopez (dec)  
Alfredo Soria (dec)  
Maria Altagracia Ureña (dec)  
Acción de Gracias

1:15 pm - Sylvia Lendore

**Monday, October 28, 2013 - St. Simon & St. Jude**

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

**Tuesday, October 29, 2013**

12:10 pm - Hurricane Sandy victims (healing)  
Manuel A. Moronta (dec)

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013**

12:10 pm - Sylvia Lendore

**Thursday, October 31, 2013**

12:10 pm - Derrick Heron, Rafael A. Moronta (dec)  
Louise Bulger (dec)

**Friday, November 1, 2013 - All Saints**

12:10 pm - People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude  
7:30 pm - (Bilingual) Pueblo de Santa Maria y Santa Gertrudis

**Saturday, November 2, 2013 - All the faithful Departed**

12:10 pm - All Souls in Purgatory  
5:00 pm - Derrick Heron, Sylvia Lendore  
7:30 pm - Jorge Martinez Cruz (dec), Alfredo Soria (dec)  
Difuntas del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

**Sunday, November 3, 2013 –Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 am - People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude  
Mehala & Promax Family (dec), Rosa Newton (dec)

9:45 am - Derek Coronado (birthday)  
11:30 am - Salvadora Rolin Lopez (dec)

1:15 pm - Divino Niño Jesús— Acción de Gracias

**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 - \$5021.00**

**Second Collection- \$1649.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$4771.00**

**(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** \* Sir 35:12-14,16-18 \* Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23 \* Lk 18:9-14

**Mon** \* Eph 2:19-22 \* Ps 19:2-5 \* Lk 6:12-16

**Tues** \* Rom 8:18-25 \* Ps 126:1-6 \* Lk 13:18-21

**Wed** \* Rom 8:26-30 \* Ps 13:4-6 \* Lk 13:22-30

**Thurs** \* Rom 8:31-39 \* Ps 109:21-22,26-27,30-31 \* Lk 13:31-35

**Fri** \* Rv 7:2-4,9-14 \* Ps 24:1-4,5-6 \* Mt 5:1-12

**Sat** \* Wis 3:1-9 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Jn 6:37-40 or 10:11-10:16

**Altar Server Assignments for Nov. 2 & 3, 2013**

Sat. 5:00 PM - Alexis Small, Kimora George

Sat. 7:30 PM - Lisbed Flores, Evin Flores, Osvaldo Flores,  
Miguel Garcia

Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu,  
Iziegbeuma Odia

Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo

Sun. 11:30 AM- Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras,  
Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada

Sun. 1:15 PM- Jamal Michel, Lisa Deryce



**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.

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

*The flowers are given for the*

**First Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy.**

*The bread & wine is given for the*

**First Anniversary of Hurricane Sandy.**

*The sanctuary candle is given in Thanksgiving for*

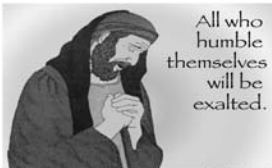
**Lila Bacchus (healing).**



**The Sick:** Miguel Mena, Elsie Edelen, Kathleen Briza, Joanne Vasquez, Lila Bacchus, Mary Morin, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.  
**The faithful departed:** Nancy Henderson.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS** - Please remember to turn back your clock one hour next weekend, Saturday, November 2, 2013.





## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### BLIND JUSTICE

A statue of Blind Justice stands atop many courts of law in the United States. She wears a blindfold and holds the scales of justice. She represents the ideal expressed in today's reading from Sirach—that each person will be treated equally in the eyes of the law and that judges will "[judge] justly and [affirm] the right" (Sirach 35:18) based solely on the justness of each plaintiff's case.

Yet we know that the wealthy can buy very good lawyers, giving them an edge in the courtroom. We know that blacks far outnumber whites on death row. We also know that high-profile defendants are often tried and convicted by the media before the judge and jury ever enter the court. However careful, no human judge or human justice system can be completely blind to factors such as race, wealth, religion, gender, age, or background.

### THE MERCY OF THE COURT

In comparison, today's scriptures depict God as "the just judge" who offers every person an equal measure of justice. Like the Pharisee in today's Gospel, we must be careful not to overestimate our own worthiness or to judge the unworthiness of others. Like the apostle Paul, we must realize that, if we are judged to be righteous in the courts of God, it will be based not on our status as Christians, or on our good deeds, or on any other factor by which we might exalt ourselves. Instead, it will be solely because we asked for and relied on God's mercy.

Sirach reminds us that God is swift to hear and respond to every person who cries out for mercy, even those whom the world despises as unworthy. "Those who [are] convinced of their own righteousness and despise everyone else" (Luke 18:9) would be well advised to humble themselves enough to beg for mercy, or they may get a surprise on judgment day!

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"All who humble themselves will be exalted." Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

### PRIESTHOOD APPRECIATION DAY

**Sunday, October 27, 2013, we celebrate our priests. Please remember to tell our parish priests, Father Fulgencio, Father David, Father White and Father Fred how much we appreciate all that they do for us.**

### My Heavenly Father (Healing Prayer)



Heavenly Father, I call on you in a special way. It is through Your power that I was created. Every breath I take, every morning I wake, and every moment of every hour, I live under Your power.

Father, I ask You now to touch me with that same power. For if You created me from nothing, You can certainly recreate me. Fill me with the healing power of Your Spirit.

Cast out anything that should not be in me. Mend what is broken. Root out any unproductive cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection.

Let the warmth of Your healing love pass through my body to make new any unhealthy areas so that my body will function the way You created it to function.

And Father, restore me to full health in mind and body so that I may serve You the rest of my life.

*I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### From the Desk of Deacon Mike, Director of Religious Education

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Praise the Lord...The Sacrament Confirmation will be administered to the following Candidates December 6, 2013.

**Candidates:** you MUST attend a special meeting with Deacon Mike on Saturday Nov 9, 2013, @ 11:30AM. The meeting will be in St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. This meeting is VERY important please DO NOT MISS IT.

### Name of Candidate

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Adriel Acencio       | 7. Ramon Deleon             |
| 2. Marielena Alvarez    | 8. Jennifer Larios          |
| 3. Erving Johan Beltran | 9. Michelle Martinez        |
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**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 \$1816 to support our parish. We would not have been able to do it without you. God bless you.

Many thanks to the Rosary Society who help raised \$1000 to support our parish. We would not have been able to do it without you. God bless you.



### **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.**

### **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 10-21-13 our commitments total \$63,671.00 received from 290 pledges. WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL. We have already collected \$48,600.37 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. 290 represents about 29% 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!!***

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

**Domingo Pasado: \$5021.00**

**Segunda Colecta: \$1649.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4771.00**

**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!



## **Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

### **JUSTICIA IMPARCIAL**

La estatua de la mujer con los ojos vendados y sosteniendo la balanza de la justicia se yergue sobre muchos tribunales civiles de los Estados Unidos. Ella representa el ideal expresado en la lectura de hoy proveniente del Eclesiástico (o Sirácide); a saber, que cada persona será tratada con igualdad ante los ojos de la ley y que los jueces “no [tomen] en cuenta la condición de las personas” (Eclesiástico 35: 15) si no que se basen únicamente en los justos méritos del caso del demandante.

No obstante, sabemos que los ricos pueden costearse muy buenos abogados, lo cual les proporciona una ventaja ante el tribunal. Sabemos que hay más negros que blancos entre los sentenciados a muerte. También sabemos que los demandados de mayor fama a menudo son juzgados y condenados por los medios públicos de comunicación aun antes de que el juez o el jurado haya ingresado a la sala de juicios. No importa cuántas precauciones se tomen, ningún juez ni ninguna justicia humana pueden ser completamente imparciales ante factores tales como la raza, el poder económico, la religión, el sexo, la edad o los antecedentes de las partes.

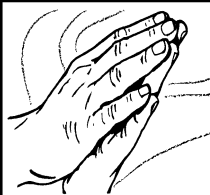
### **LA MISERICORDIA DE LOS TRIBUNALES**

En comparación, las Escrituras de hoy muestran a Dios como “el justo juez” que ofrece a cada persona una medida equitativa de justicia. Como el fariseo en el Evangelio de hoy, debemos cuidarnos de no sobreestimar nuestro propio mérito ni juzgar la carencia de él en los demás. Al igual que el apóstol Pablo, debemos darnos cuenta de que si se nos declara justos ante el tribunal de Dios, no será en base a nuestro estatus como cristianos ni a nuestras buenas obras ni a cualquier otro factor que resulte en la exaltación de nosotros mismos, sino sólo y únicamente porque hemos recurrido a la misericordia de Dios y hemos confiado en ella.

Sirácide nos recuerda que Dios es pronto en escucharnos y responder a toda persona que clama por misericordia, aun a aquéllas a las que el mundo desprecia y tiene por indignas. ¡Más les vale a aquellos “que presumen de ser justos y desprecian a los demás” (véase Lucas 18:9), humillarse lo suficiente y pedir misericordia, no sea que se sorprendan en el día del juicio!

### **DIA DE APRECIACION AL SACERDOCIO**

El Domingo 27 de Octubre, 2013, celebramos a nuestros sacerdotes. Vamos todos a mostrar nuestra apreciación por nuestros sacerdotes, el Padre Fulgencio, Padre David, Padre White y el Padre Fred por todo lo que hacen por nosotros.



### Padre Celestial

(Oración de Sanación)

Padre Celestial, te invoco ahora de manera especial, pues ha sido por Tu poder que hemos sido creados, cada respiración, cada despertar, los has creado por Tu Poder...

Regenera cada una de mis Células.

Repara Padre lo que este dañado y reconstruye cada uno de mis Órganos para que se encuentren en total perfección.

Lléname con el poder sanador de Tu Espíritu para que pase por mi cuerpo y funcione en total perfección, tal como Tú lo has creado. Restabléceme en alma, cuerpo y espíritu para que pueda servirte por el resto de mi vida.

Y que a partir de hoy pueda estar fuerte, sano, y curado.  
Te lo pido por Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor, Amen.

### Del Escritorio del Diácono Mike, Director de Educación Religiosa

#### ANUNCIO IMPORTANTE

¡Alabado sea el Señor ... El Sacramento de Confirmación será administrado a los siguientes candidatos el 6 de diciembre del 2013.

Estos candidatos deberán asistir a una reunión especial con el Diácono Mike el sábado 9 de noviembre del 2013, a las 11:30 AM. La reunión se celebrará en la Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar.

Esta reunión es muy importante, por favor no faltes.

#### Nombre del candidato

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**GRACIAS** Muchas gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que ayudaron con la venta de comida este domingo pasado. Gracias a su ayuda pudimos recaudar \$1,816 para apoyar nuestra parroquia. Sin ustedes no hubiéramos podido hacerlo. Que Dios los bendiga a todos!

También muchas gracias a la Sociedad del Rosario por haber recaudado \$1000 para apoyar a 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 10/21/13 hemos recibido un total de \$63,671.00 de solo 290 promesas. HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRA META DIOCESANA. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$48,600.37. Estamos en camino de recibir una gran recompensa para nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su compromiso y por su continua generosidad. 290 representa alrededor del 29% 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!**



Retrasen el reloj

### HORARIO DE INVIERNO COMIENZA -

Recuerden de atrasar su reloj una hora el próximo Sábado 2 de Noviembre, 2013.