

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 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, December 13, 2014 - St. Lucy

5:00 pm - For the Souls in purgatory by Sinecio
7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)

Sunday, December 14, 2014 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 am - Derrick Heron (healing)
Sylvia Lendore (healing)
Vaughn Harris (dec)
9:45 am - Lorenzo Bernardez (dec)
11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes
Samuel Suarez (dec)
Ricardo Carrera (dec)
Susana Alvarenga (cumpleaños)
1:15 pm - Martin T. Waldron (dec)
Helen Sager

Monday, December 15, 2014

12:10 pm - Kadiri Anakhu (dec)
Vaughn Harris (dec)

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

12:10 pm - For the souls in purgatory by Sinecio

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

12:10 pm - For the souls in purgatory by Sinecio

Thursday, December 18, 2014

12:10 pm - Mary Regina Curley (dec)
Luis Castillo (dec)

Friday, December 19, 2014


12:10 pm - For the souls in purgatory by Sinecio
7:30 pm - Por la liberación de Espíritus Malignos

Saturday, December 20, 2014

5:00 pm - For the people of St. Mary and St. Gertrude
7:30 pm - Isabel Casanova (dec)

Sunday, December 21, 2014 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 am - Derrick Heron (healing), Sylvia Lendore (healing)
9:45 am - Mass available
11:30 am - Fermina y Julian Rivas (dec)
Graig Sohl (dec)
1:15 pm - In honor of the Blessed Mother

 **The Sick:** Kathleen Briza, Eugene Michaelson, Wilber Renderos, Geraldine Miller, Donna J. Mohammed, Gertrudis Estrada, Lyonel Hilaire, Juan Santana, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithfully departed: Carmine Capone

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The flowers are given in **Thanksgiving.**
The bread and wine are given in **Thanksgiving.**
The sanctuary candles are given **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 - \$4287.00

Second Collection – \$1855.00

First Collection Last Year: \$6314.00

"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 * Is 61:1-2a,10-11 * (Ps) Is 1:46-50,53-54 * Jn 1:6-8,19-28
Mon * Nm 24:2-7,15-17a * Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9 * Mt 21:23-27
Tues * Zep 3:1-2,9-13* Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19, 23 *Mt 21:28-32
Wed * Gn 49:2, 8-10 * Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17 * Mt 1:1-17
Thurs * Jer 23:5-8 * Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 * Mt 1:18-25
Fri * Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a * Ps 71:3-4a,5-6,16-17 * Lk 1:5-25
Sat * Is 7:10-14 * Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 * Lk 1:26-38

Altar Server Assignments for Dec. 20 & 21, 2014

Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Bianca Salonga
Sat. 7:30 PM - Miguel Garcia, 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 – Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Lexa Torres, Genesis Contreras
Sun. 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Noah Roberts

Christmas Altar Server Assignments

Christmas Eve
5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Lexa Torres, Alexis Small
Midnight Mass - Jacques Mathieu, Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Zarate
Christmas Day
8:15 AM - Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Adaora Madubuko, Iziegbeuwa Odia
9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
11:30 AM - Axel Lopez, Joselin Lopez, Edward Peña, Genesis Contreras
1:15 PM - Kevin Robles, Noah Roberts



Third Sunday of Advent

St. Paul offers a timely stewardship message: Pray always, live a life of gratitude and seek holiness. During this week of Advent, spend some time in prayer reflecting on what it means to be grateful, compassionate and unselfish. Discover opportunities to say, "Thank you." Go out of your way to do something for someone else.



Third Sunday of Advent

AN UPSIDE DOWN WORLD

The Church has just celebrated two great Marian feasts: the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is appropriate in this Advent time that we look to Mary's great song, the Magnificat, as a lens for today's readings, and to her life as the first of faithful disciples. In her canticle, Mary describes a world similar to the one for which Isaiah tells us the Spirit anoints the prophet: where the mighty arm of God scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly (the Lectionary, unfortunately, omits this verse today), where the hungry are filled with good things and the rich are sent away empty. This world is upside down from the one most of us experience. But if we are to follow our call to be disciples of Jesus, as Mary did, we must be committed to believing in and proclaiming a world like this.

SENT IN THE SPIRIT

Today we hear from John's Gospel, which serves as the first of a number of interjections during this year of the proclamation of Mark's Gospel. (This is because Mark's is the shortest of the Gospels.) John the Baptist once again speaks of his role as the forerunner, the herald of the light. He himself is not the light, but the one who "makes straight" the way before the Lord. John is describing our own vocation, the one given to us when we were baptized in water and the Spirit. We proclaim the coming of the light by living out our own Spirit-anointing to bring glad tidings to the poor, to strive for the world God desires, the one described by Isaiah. As Paul tells us today, it is through our witness that we do not despise the prophetic utterances of John, Mary, and Isaiah, and that we do not quench the Spirit. As we prepare for the coming of the light in whatever vocation God has anointed us for, we must live as Paul insists: in continual prayer, and always rejoicing!

Christmas Schedule...

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2014

Confessions

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. St. Mary Star of the Sea

Masses

3:30 P.M.	Christmas Carols	St. Mary	English
5:00 P.M.	Family Mass	St. Mary	English
11:30 P.M.	Christmas Carols	St. Mary	English
12 Midnight	Mass	St. Mary	Bilingual

Christmas Day – December 25, 2014

8:15 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
9:45 A.M.	St. Gertrude	English
11:30 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish
1:15 P.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English

New Year's Eve Mass – December 31, 2014

Confessions

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. St. Mary Star of the Sea

5:00 P.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
7:30 P.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish

New Year's Day – January 1, 2015

8:15 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
9:45 A.M.	St. Gertrude	Spanish
11:30 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish
1:15 P.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English

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 December 8, 2014 we have received pledges totaling \$53,860.00. With just 2 weeks left to fulfill our goal, we really 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 \$46,982.00 from 984 pledges; we have \$901.00 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 over 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, along with the payment, 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 21, 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 is returned to our parish. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!!**

VOCATIONS - "The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Community Happenings Corner

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://w.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 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Councilman Richards Far Rockaway office – 1931 Mott Avenue, Room 410. Please take advantage of this assistance, even if you have already went through the Build it Back process.
Must call for an appointment—718-471-7014.

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.

Kujenga Alumni Association Reunion—The Kujenga Alumni Association's annual reunion, hosted by the Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns of the Diocese of Brooklyn, is being held on Saturday, December 20, 2014 from 6PM to 12 Midnight, at St. Peter Claver Parish Hall, 29 Claver Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Music, food, fellowship, door prizes and more. Admission is \$15.00. Contact the rectory for more information.

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 at their next meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Battalion Pentecostal Assembly, Inc., 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. All are welcome; pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

Foreclosure Assistance—The Parodneck Foundation is a city-wide not-for-profit organization who assists homeowners who are faced with foreclosure. **Must call to make an appointment – 718 527-4356.**

JOBS ARE AVAILABLE

ReServe is offering paid, part-time positions for afternoon Tutors through the MS ExTRA program with the NYC Department of Education and the After School Corporation (TASC). Visit their website for more information – www.reserveinc.org, or call 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back is hiring! For an up-to-date listing of positions, visit their website at <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html>? Keyword = build+it+back.

Annual Civil Service Exam Schedule - The NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services currently has Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers (CTACs) open to the public. Visit their website to apply for jobs and get exam schedules and filing deadlines at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs

FedEx has seasonal jobs for drivers. Drivers must have a clean driving record and driving experience within the past 3 years. Fill out applications at fedex.jobsonline.com.

PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR "HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS"

The Rockaway Waterfront Alliance has listed the following two paid

Continues...

Shore Corps – a paid internship program, where students are selected through a formal interview process. Students must be 15-19 years of age to apply. Once accepted, students will meet every Wednesday from 4PM to 6PM and every Sunday from 10AM to 1PM, beginning January 21, 2015 in the Winter/Spring. To apply, see contact information below.

Environmentor – a paid, scientific research program open to sophomores and juniors currently attending high school. Students must submit an application with a recommendation from a science teacher and participate in an interview process. Once accepted, students will meet every Thursday from 4PM to 6PM and one week-end a month in the Winter and twice a week in the Spring, beginning on January 15, 2015.

NOTE: Registration deadline is December 22, 2014 for both internships. You must download registration materials from the website and send in completed forms by mail or email. The website address is www.rwalliance.org/rwa/programs. Email your completed application to Program Director John Cruz at jcruz@rwalliance.org

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4287.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1855.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6314.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$4416.33

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!

Horario Navideño

Noche Buena – Diciembre 24, 2014

Confesiones

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Santa María

3:30 P.M.	Villancicos	Santa María	Ingles
5:00 P.M.	Misa Familiar	Santa María	Ingles
11:30 P.M.	Villancicos	Santa María	Ingles
Medianoche	Misa	Santa María	Bilingüe

Navidad – Diciembre 25, 2014

8:15 A.M.	Santa María	Ingles
9:45 A.M.	St. Gertrudis	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Santa María	Español
1:15 P.M.	Santa María	Ingles

Año Viejo – Diciembre 31, 2014

Confesiones

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Santa María

5:00 P.M.	Santa María	Ingles
7:30 P.M.	Misa	Santa María Español

Año Nuevo – Enero 1, 2015

8:15 A.M.	Santa María	Ingles
9:45 A.M.	St. Gertrudis	Español
11:30 A.M.	Santa María	Español
1:15 P.M.	Santa María	Ingles



Tercer Domingo de Adviento

UN MUNDO AL REVÉS

La Iglesia acaba de celebrar dos grandes fiestas marianas: la Inmaculada Concepción y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Es apropiado en este tiempo de Adviento que miremos a su gran canto del "Magnificat" como un lente para las lecturas de hoy, y a su vida como la primera de los fieles discípulos. En su cántico, María describe un mundo similar a aquel para el cual Isaías nos dice que el Espíritu ungió al profeta: donde el poderoso brazo de Dios dispersa al orgulloso y ensalza al humilde (el Leccionario, desafortunadamente, omite este verso hoy), donde el hambriento es saciado y el rico parte con las manos vacías. Este mundo es al revés del que la mayoría de nosotros experimenta. Pero si hemos de seguir la llamada a ser discípulos de Jesús, como lo hizo María, debemos comprometernos a creer y a proclamar un mundo como ese.

ENVIADO POR EL ESPÍRITU

Hoy escuchamos el Evangelio de Juan, que sirve como la primera de un número de interjecciones durante este año de la proclamación del Evangelio de Marcos. (Esto es porque el Evangelio de Marcos es el más corto de los Evangelios.) Juan el Bautista otra vez habla de su papel como el precursor, el heraldo de la luz. Él no es la luz, sino el que "hace recto" el camino para el Señor. Juan describe nuestra propia vocación, la que se nos dio al ser bautizados en agua y en el Espíritu. Proclamamos la venida de la luz viviendo la unión del Espíritu que hemos recibido, trayendo buenas noticias a los pobres, luchando por el mundo que Dios desea, el que describe Isaías. Como nos dice Pablo hoy, es mediante nuestro testimonio que no despreciamos las proclamaciones proféticas de Juan, María e Isaías, y que no extinguimos el Espíritu. Al prepararnos para la llegada de la luz en cualquiera que sea la vocación para la cual Dios nos ha ungido, debemos vivir como insiste Pablo, en continua oración, ¡y siempre alegres!



Tercer Domingo de Adviento

San Pablo ofrece un oportuno mensaje de corresponsabilidad: orar siempre, vivir una vida de gratitud y buscar la santidad. Durante esta semana de Adviento, dedica algún tiempo a la oración, reflexionando acerca del significado de ser agradecido, compasivo y considerado. Descubre las oportunidades para decir, "Gracias". Ve más allá de ti mismo y haz algo por alguien más.

VOCACIONES - "Aquel que llama es siempre fiel" Tu quieres ser fiel a Su llamada? Si Dios te está invitando a ser Sacerdote, diácono o religioso/a, llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

TRABAJOS DISPONIBLES

Boulevard Family Transitional Residence tiene los siguientes trabajos disponibles: Director de Programas, Trabajador social, Supervisor de Turno, Especialista en vivienda, Chofer, Supervisor de Servicio de Comida, Especialista Recreacional, Consejero de Seguridad, Especialista en Cuidado de Niños y administrador de casos. Visite su sitio web para ver las descripciones de trabajo y cualificaciones - <http://samaritanvillage.org>, y busque "Careers" en el menú de navegación superior.

ReServe está ofreciendo puestos a tiempo parcial para tutores de la tarde a través del programa MS ExTRA con el Departamento de Educación de NYC y la Corporación del Programa Después de la Escuela (TASC). Visite su sitio web para obtener más información - www.reserveinc.org, o llame al 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back está contratando! Para obtener una lista actualizada de las posiciones, visite su sitio web en <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html?> Palabra clave = build+ it+ back.

Horario de exámenes del Servicio Civil - El Departamento de Servicios Administrativos de la Ciudad de Nueva York tiene actualmente Centros de Exámenes & Aplicaciones (CTACS) abiertos al público. Visite su sitio web www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs para solicitar puestos de trabajo y obtener los horarios de exámenes.

FedEx tienes trabajos de temporada para conductores. Los conductores deben tener un historial limpio y experiencia manejando en los últimos 3 años. Llene una aplicación en línea en fedex.jobsonline.com

Prácticas pagadas para "estudiantes de secundaria"

Waterfront Alliance de Rockaway tiene las siguientes dos prácticas pagadas para estudiantes de secundaria:

Shore Corps - un programa de practicas pagadas, donde los estudiantes son seleccionados a través de un proceso formal de entrevista. Los estudiantes deben tener 15 a 19 años de edad para aplicar. Una vez aceptados, los estudiantes se reunirán todos los miércoles 4:00-6:00 P.M. y todos los domingos 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., a partir 21 de enero 2015, invierno / primavera.

Ecología - un programa de investigación científica pagado abierta para estudiantes en el segundo y tercer año que actualmente asisten a la escuela secundaria. Los estudiantes deben presentar una solicitud con una recomendación de un profesor de ciencias y participar en un proceso de entrevistas. Una vez aceptados, los estudiantes se reunirán todos los jueves 4:00-6:00 y un fin de semana al mes en invierno y dos veces por semana en la primavera, que comienza el 15 de enero de 2015.

NOTA: El plazo de inscripción es el 22 de diciembre 2014, para ambas practicas. Debe descargar los materiales de inscripción de la página web y enviar formularios cumplimentados por correo o correo electrónico. La dirección del sitio web es www.rwalliance.org/rwa/programs. Enviar su solicitud al Programa Director de Juan Cruz a jacruz@rwalliance.org