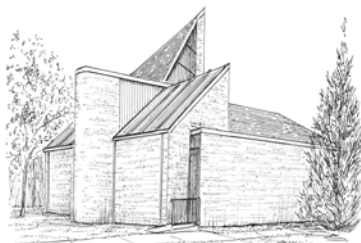


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Deacon Rene Hernandez

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TRUSTEES:

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Lillian Virginia Rountree

PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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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: 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21, 2013 - St. Peter Canisius

5:00 pm - All souls in purgatory (requested by Sinecio)
 7:30 pm - Isabel Casanova (dec)

Sunday, December 22, 2013 –Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 am - Celeste Jeudy (birthday)
 Susan Singh-Smith (birthday)
 Nelson Mandela (dec)
 9:45 am - Jace Lespinasse (birthday)
 Fabean Chaves
 11:30 am - Derrick Heron
 M. Dionisio Hoyos Vergara (dec)
 Julian Rivas (dec)
 1:15 pm - Sylvia Lendore

Monday, December 23, 2013 - St. John Kanty

12:10 pm - Matthew Glomb (dec) Mary Martz (dec)

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

5:00 pm - People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 12 midnight John Schiavone (dec)

Wednesday, December 25, 2013 - Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am - Sean Murray (dec)
 11:30 am - Juan Gutierrez
 1:15 pm - Marino Adamez

Thursday, December 26, 2013 - St. Stephen

12:10 pm - Joseph Maxwell Hansen (dec)
 Helen & Thomas Farrell (dec)
 Adam Lespinasse (birthday)

Friday, December 27, 2013 - St. John

12:10 pm - Antonio Adamez
 7:30 pm - Por la conversion de las almas

Saturday, December 28, 2013 - The Holy Innocents

5:00 pm - Mass available
 7:30 pm - Por las almas del purgatorio—por Sinecio

Sunday, December 29, 2013 –The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:15 am - People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 9:45 am - Ramon Maria Ureña (dec)
 11:30 am - Misa disponible
 1:15 pm - Mass available

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given for the **People of the Parish.**

The sanctuary candle is given for the **People of the Parish.**

The flowers are given for the **People of the Parish.**

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

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 - Not available

Second Collection- Not available

First Collection Last Year: \$5586.00

(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: Evangelina Bustamante, Stephanie Loayza, Kiara Velazquez, Miguel Mena, Kathleen Briza, Lila Bacchus, Mary Morin, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke. **All the faithful departed.**

Weekday Readings

Sun * Is 7:10-14 * Ps 24:1-6 * Mt 1:18-24
Mon * Mt 3:1-4,23-24 * Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14 * Lk 1:57-66
Tues * 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16 * Ps 89:2-5,27,29 * Lk 1:67-79
Wed * Is 52:7-10 * Ps 98:1-6 * Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thurs * Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59* Ps 31:3-4,6,8,16-17* Mt 10:17-22
Fri * 1Jn 1:1-4 * Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 * Jn 20:1, 2-8
Sat * 1 Jn 1:5; 2:2 * Ps 124:2-5,7-8 * Mt 2:13-18

Altar Server Assignments for Dec. 27 & 28, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Jude Ikhalea
 Sat. 7:30 PM - Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Jeison Fernandez
 Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabriele Forbes-Bennett, Adaora Madubuko, Bianca Salonga
 Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
 Sun. 11:30 AM- Alejandra Zarate, Lexa Torres, Hilda Hernandez
 Sun. 1:15 PM-Alexis Small, Carlos Lopez, Jossabeth Castaneda

New Year's Altar Server Assignment

Tuesday, December 31, 2013—New Year's Eve

5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Miguel Garcia, Aaliyah Mayorga Miranda
 12 Midnight (bilingual) - Michelle Martinez, Alexis Small, Hilda Hernandez

Wednesday, January 1, 2014—New Year's Day

9:00 AM-Joseph Santizo, Chilenan Chukwu, Chibukem Chukwu
 11:30 AM - Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Lexa Torres
 1:15 PM - Bianca Salonga, Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Zarate



Fourth Sunday of Advent

INTO OUR HOMES

Only a few days remain before the world will pause for the celebration of Christmas. Over the course of the past year we have been nourished at the table of God's word and feasted on the Gospel of Saint Luke. We have listened to parables, been summoned to take up our crosses and follow Christ, and been schooled in the way of discipleship. Since the beginning of Advent the Church has turned our attention to Matthew's Gospel. Today Matthew opens the doors of Saint Joseph's house, as well as his dreams, and tells the story of the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The final line of today's Gospel is worth noting: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24). Today is a day to consider our devotion to and appreciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our faith lives. Today is a day for us to take her into our homes.

PREPARING A PLACE FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH

Mary stands as a reminder that nothing is impossible with God. This young woman's life was thrown into confusion when the angel announced that she, although a virgin, would be the mother of God's Son. She is the one to whom we can look when our lives are thrown into confusion. She gave herself over to the power of God. This did not mean that she would live her life free from fear and pain. We all know the rest of the story—how she would watch her son suffer and die. Mary is a source of comfort for all who have lost children. We can look to her for comfort in times of grief and pain. How fitting that we focus on the Virgin Mary on this final Sunday of Advent. When we open the doors of our hearts and welcome Mary into our lives, what we really do is prepare a place where the Lord is born to us again.



**"They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." -
Matthew 1:23**

Advent is the season in which we prepare for the great celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

The Fourth Week

As Advent draws to a close, we focus more on the Nativity. The gospel readings for this Sunday may be the Annunciation, the Visitation, or Mary's Magnificat, depending on the year. The purpose of preparation is to help us experience an event more meaningfully. As Advent draws to a close, we discover how true this is. We have journeyed with the People of Israel in their hope for a Messiah. We have searched our own hearts, laying out our own yearning before the Lord, and, like Mary, looked with hope to God's promise to save us and make us whole. And now, the time is near. A Child is born!

PRAYER For Advent

Lord, As we journey through this Advent Season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word, a time to allow our faith to grow and mature.

Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship.

Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering;

and to serve them as if we were serving You.

And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path and prepare for the joy of Your coming!

Amen



Christmas Eve – Tuesday,

December 24, 2013

Confessions—3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M.	Christmas Carol	English
5:00 P.M.	Family Mass	English
11:30 P.M.	Christmas Carols	English
12 Midnight	Mass	Bilingual

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2013

9:00 A.M.	English
11:30 A.M.	Spanish
1:15 P.M.	English

New Year's Eve Mass – Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Confessions—3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.	Mass	Bilingual
11:00 P.M.	Holy Hour	Bilingual
12 Midnight	Mass	Bilingual

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2014

9:00 A.M.	English
11:30 A.M.	Spanish
1:15 P.M.	English

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

The current update for the 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal as of November 29, 2013

Total Pledged - \$64,731.00

Total Received - \$51,857.37

Amt. Outstanding - \$12,773.63

Total Donors - 310

Thank you so much for your generosity to this year's campaign.

If you have made a pledge in 2013, and have not yet paid, please remember that the 2013 campaign ends on December 31, 2013. Please honor your pledge by making payment before December 21, 2013, to assure the monies are received by the diocese before December 31, 2013.

ONLY 15 Seats Remaining
Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

March 25—April 3, 2014

Msgr. McGuirl, Msgr. Harrington,

Fr. Vassalotti, Fr. K. Sweeney, Chaplains

For a Brochure call: Lucille 1-800 -228-4654 ext. 208

lucille@groupist.com

Join Bishop Sanchez and the Diocese of Brooklyn to
The Canonization of Blessed John Paul XXIII
with our Holy Father Pope Francis

Rome, Italy

April 21—April 28, 2014

Call The Catholic Tour 1-877 -627-4268

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church should share in the profits. For each car, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent the Paul at 718-491-2525. Thank you for your cooperation.

GIVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP A SPECIAL GIFT THIS YEAR!

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Experience a truly memorable weekend together, just the two of you. The next WWME weekend in your area is February 14-16 and April 25-27, 2014. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call (877) NYS-WWME option 2 or visit our website at www.wwme.org.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: No disponible

Segunda Colecta: No disponible

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5586.00

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!



Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

RECIBÁMOSLA EN NUESTRO HOGAR

En sólo unos pocos días el mundo hará una pausa para celebrar la Navidad. A lo largo del año que va terminando nos hemos nutrido en la mesa de la palabra de Dios y el plato principal ha sido el Evangelio según san Lucas. Hemos escuchado las parábolas, hemos sido llamados a cargar nuestra cruz y seguir a Cristo y hemos sido instruidos para ser verdaderos discípulos. Desde que comenzó el Adviento, la Iglesia nos ha dirigido la atención al Evangelio de Mateo. Y hoy Mateo nos abre las puertas del hogar de san José, y hasta de sus sueños, y nos cuenta los acontecimientos que precedieron el nacimiento de Jesús. Vale la pena fijarse en las últimas palabras del Evangelio de hoy: "Cuando José despertó de aquel sueño, hizo lo que le había mandado el ángel del Señor y recibió a su esposa [en su casa]" (Mateo 1:24). Hoy es un buen día para considerar nuestra devoción a la santísima Virgen María y el lugar que ella ocupa en nuestra vida de fe. Hoy es un buen día para recibirla en nuestro hogar.

PREPAREMOS UN LUGAR PARA EL NACIMIENTO DE CRISTO

La persona de María es un recuerdo vivo de que nada es imposible para Dios. La vida de esta joven mujer quedó confundida cuando el ángel le vino a decir que ella, aunque permanecería virgen, había de ser la madre del Hijo de Dios. A ella, pues, podemos recurrir cuando estemos en algún estado de confusión. María se entregó sin reservas al poder de Dios. Pero esto no significó que ella iba a vivir una vida libre de temores y dolores. Todos conocemos cómo continúa su historia—cómo María tuvo que ver a su Hijo sufrir y morir. María es por lo tanto una fuente de consuelo para todos los que han perdido a sus hijos. Podemos acudir a ella para recibir fuerzas en las horas de angustia y de dolor. ¡Cuán apropiado es este último domingo de Adviento para poner nuestro enfoque en la persona de María! Cuando abrimos las puertas de nuestro corazón y recibimos a María en nuestra vida, estamos preparando un lugar donde el Señor pueda nacer de nuevo en nosotros.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

¿" Cuándo Jose despertó, vio que el Ángel del Señor se dirigía a él, "Esta usted atento de forma piadosa al descubrimiento de su vocación en Cristo? ¿El podría estarte invitando al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.

"A quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros." - Mateo 1:23

Durante la Temporada de Adviento nos preparamos para la celebración del nacimiento de Jesús en la Navidad.

Durante estas cuatro semanas, somos invitados a contemplar la riqueza del regalo de Dios que se nos fue dado en Cristo, unidos con toda la Iglesia:

Las lecturas bíblicas y la predicación, dirigen su mirada a la disposición de la Virgen María, ante el anuncio del nacimiento de su Hijo y nos invitan a "Aprender de María y aceptar a Cristo que es la Luz del Mundo". Como ya está tan próxima la Navidad, nos hemos reconciliado con Dios y con nuestros hermanos; ahora nos queda solamente esperar la gran fiesta. Como familia debemos vivir la armonía, la fraternidad y la alegría que está cercana celebración representa. Todos los preparativos para la fiesta debieran vivirse en este ambiente, con el firme propósito de aceptar a Jesús en los corazones, las familias y las comunidades. Encendemos la cuarta vela color morada, de la Corona de Adviento.

ORACION PARA EL ADVIENTO

Señor, Al transitar a través de esta época de Adviento, danos la sabiduría para ser Buenos corresponsables de este periodo de gracia, un tiempo para ser mas devotos, para escuchar mas cuidadosamente Tu Palabra; un tiempo para permitir que nuestra fe crezca y madure. Muéstranos como dar testimonio de tus Buenas Nuevas mas fervientemente, entre nuestras familias, amigos y aquellos con quienes compartimos el culto. Ayúdanos a ser mas conscientes de aquellos que se encuentran en pobreza, soledad o sufrimiento; y a servirlos, como si estuviéramos sirviéndote a Ti Y llena nuestros corazones de esperanza, para que podamos forjar con rectitud Tu sendero y !estar preparados para el gozo de Tu llegada!
Amen.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

El libro de las Misas ya esta abierto para el 2014. Usted podrá solicitar que una misa sea anunciada en la rectoría. La donación de una misa es quince dólares.



Horario Navideño

Confesiones

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Noche Buena – Martes 24 de Diciembre del 2013

4:00 P.M.	Villancicos	Ingles
5:00 P.M.	Misa Familiar	Ingles
11:30 P.M.	Villancicos	Ingles
12 Medianoche	MISA	Bilingüe

Navidad – Miércoles 25 de Diciembre del 2013

9:00 A.M.	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Español
1:15 P.M.	Ingles

Año Viejo – Martes 31 de Diciembre del 2013**Confesiones**

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.	MISA	Bilingüe
11:00 P.M.	Hora Santa	Bilingüe
12 Medianoche	Misa	Bilingüe

Año Nuevo – Miércoles 1 de Enero del 2014

9:00 A.M.	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Español
1:15 P.M.	Bi-lingual

"Si, Gracias sean dadas a Dios por este don inefable." - 2 Cor 9:15

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

Resumen actual de La Campaña Anual Católica 2013 hasta el 29 de Noviembre del 2013.

Compromiso Total - \$64,731.00

Total Recibido - \$51,857.37

Total por cobrar - \$12,773.63

Total de Donadores - 310

Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad a la Campaña de este año.

Si usted hizo una promesa este año 2013, y no ha cumplido con los pagos, por favor recuerden que la campaña finaliza el 31 de Diciembre, 2013. Por favor trate de cumplir con su promesa antes del 21 de Diciembre del 2013, para asegurarse que todo el dinero sea recibido por la diócesis antes del 31 de Diciembre del 2013.