

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.

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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's),
11:30, 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

8:00 & 12:10—Monday thru Wednesday
9:00 at St. Gertrude's & 12:10 at St. Mary's - Thursday
12:10, 7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays
12:10 PM—Saturdays

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays at 3:30 to 4:30 PM, Mondays 7:30 to 8:30 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 First Fridays 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

ENGLISH CHOIR: FRIDAY 7:30 PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: SATURDAY 11:00 AM

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

Rosary Society: 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 Mass

Legion of Mary: Spanish: Mon. 7:00 PM - Rectory; St Mary

Legion of Mary: (St. Gertrude's) After the 9:45am mass

Legion of Mary: Spanish: Sats. 10:30 AM -Rectory Basement

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 - Mondays 7:00 P.M. - 9:00
P.M. in the School Auditorium.

Charismatic Youth Prayer Group: Thursday 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Group in English Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Church.

Stewardship Committee: 2nd Sunday 2:30 P.M.

Nigerian Committee: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

..Saturday, January 15

- 12:10 pm – St. Mary’s School Children
- 3:00 pm – Philippines Cultural Mass
Ronald J. Zogby
- 7:30 pm – Misa en honor del Señor de Esquipulas
Ana Margarita Posada (cumpleaños)
Antonia Zepeda (cumpleaños)
Samuel Garcia (dec)
Alvaro Salazar Garabot (dec)

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
- 9:45 am – Aguedo & Julia Rosario (dec)
- 11:30 am – Por los que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas
- 1:15 pm – Patrick Gracey (dec)
Virginia Steiger (dec)

Monday, January 17—St. Anthony

- 8:00 am – Christmas Novena
- 12:10 pm – For the Haitian Community

Tuesday, January 18

- 8:00 am – Children of the Parish
- 12:10 pm – Christmas Novena

Wednesday, January 19

- 8:00 am – Deceased Members of the Parish
- 12:10 pm – Vocations

Thursday, January 20—St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

- 9:00 am – Married Couples
- 12:10 pm – Christmas Novena

Friday, January 21—St. Agnes

- 12:10 pm – Rev. Tony Mannackulan—Thanksgiving
- 7:30 pm – Novena de Navidad

Saturday, January 22—St. Vincent

- 12:10 pm – Christmas Novena
- 5:00 pm – Olayinka Anakhu (birthday)
- 7:30 pm – Misa en honor de la Virgen de la Altigracia
Cantalisa Brea (dec)
Erika Anaya Hoyos (dec)

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
- 9:45 am – Rosary Society
John Mattison (dec)
Benditas Almas del Purgatorio
William Anthony (birthday)
- 11:30 am – Por la salud de los hijos— Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm – John Sugrue (dec)
Adaora Madubuko (birthday)

PLEASE PRAY for Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yepez, Pedro Bonilla, Vivian & Edith Hall, Nydia Rodriguez, Lucinda Staten, Kathleen Briza, Michael Wanser, Shane Keane, Liz Moskowitz, William Anthony and our faithful departed: Rev. Samuel Arriatu.

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

Weekend of 1-9 2011

<u>Mass Time</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>1st Collection</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>High Energy & Fuel</u>	<u>Total Collection</u>
5:00 PM	74	42	\$798.75	14	\$130.25	\$929.00
7:30 PM	200	34	\$412.01	24	\$225.25	\$637.26
8:15 AM	156	94	\$1,508.21	32	\$244.01	\$1,752.22
9:45 AM	136	79	\$870.86	23	\$240.48	\$1,111.34
11:30 AM	498	101	\$1,457.31	53	\$453.46	\$1,910.77
1:15 PM	149	36	\$751.87	17	\$129.50	\$881.37
2:30 PM	135	13	\$311.75	4	\$14.00	\$325.75
Totals	1213	399	\$6,110.76	167	\$1,436.95	\$7,547.71

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$7441.64

(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 –

Make your Return to God Easier by using...

PARISH PAY

www.parishpay.com.

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Is 49: 3, 5-6 * Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-10 * Jn 1:29-34
- Mon** * Heb 5:1-10 * Ps 110:1-4 * Mk 2:18-22
- Tues** * Heb 6:10-20 * Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10c * Mk 2:23-28
- Wed** * Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 * Ps 110:1-4 * Mk 3:1-6
- Thurs** * Heb 7:25-8:6 * Ps 40:7-10, 17 * Mk 3:7-12
- Fri** * Heb 8:6-13 * Ps 85:8, 10-14 * Mk 3:13-19
- Sat** * Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 * Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 * Mk 3:20-21

MASS INTENTIONS— It is an ancient Christian tradition to request that Mass be offered living and deceased. You may request an announced Mass at the rectory. The customary offering is fifteen dollars. There are a limited number of Masses available between now and the end of the year.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for **Maria Hercules & Family.***

*The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Rosa Miranda.***

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAMB OF GOD

A lamb was a familiar image for Jewish people in Jesus' day. It was part of the Jewish tradition that lambs be slaughtered for sacrifice, as a way for the people to return to God after they had separated themselves through sinfulness. Of course, Jesus reminded his disciples of this sacrifice at the Last Supper. His actions at that meal would forever bind his followers to the sacrifice he made for each of us. Jesus had become the new Passover Lamb.



John the Baptist recognized Jesus as this sacrifice. Upon his approach, John proclaimed Jesus the "Lamb of God." Having already seen the Spirit come down on Jesus, John knew that was the sign by which God had promised to indicate the chosen One. While it would remain unclear exactly what it meant to be the Lamb of God until after the Passion and Resurrection, John knew that this was the most fitting title for the one who approached him on that day at the Jordan River.

IN SERVICE OF THE LAMB

We will grow only in service to one another. We may each be individuals feeling at times that we work alone, but in reality, as Paul explained to the Corinthians, we are united. We are united in God by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In our humanity, we may not be able to give as completely as Jesus did, but we strive nevertheless to carry one another in humble service. Through our obedience to God's will, we proclaim to the world Jesus' message of love for even the least by our words and actions as we lift up our brothers and sisters. As we find strength in the Gospel message and in the many exemplary lives of those who have gone before us, the service that we offer to others is truly that of Jesus himself, the Lamb of God.

The Nigerian Community is gathering to celebrate their Christmas Party on January 22, 2011 from 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. in the school auditorium.

The Dominican Community is celebrating their feast day: Virgin of the Altagracia on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the 7:30 P.M. Mass with Rev. Domingo Callado as celebrant. Refreshments in the school basement after mass. Everyone is welcome.

The 2011 Mass Book is open.

To make arrangement for a Mass intention, please come to the rectory.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2011 in commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. day.



Martin Luther King, Jr.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY PRAYER

God of our work and of our rest, again and again your creatures take sides against one another. Oppression and violence are our sad inheritance. But we still look for you where the lowly are raised up, where the mighty are brought down. We find you in your servants, and we give you thanks for the witness and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. Fill us with a spirit and strength like his, so that day by day we may see where our community is torn by repression and fear and ignorance, and so give ourselves to healing. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, “The Lord be with you.” These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our “good mornings,” our “hellos” and “how are you.” This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words “the Lord be with you” are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—“And also with you,” soon to be “And with your spirit”—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord’s presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord’s presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God’s presence transforms us.

GOD KNOWS BEST

God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

ARMED SERVICES—If you have a family member or friend on active duty in the Armed Forces, please inform the rectory so that we may recognize their service and pray for their safety and swift return home.

ROCKAWAY LITTLE LEAGUE—Registration is now open online for Baseball and Softball for boys and girls from ages 4 to 15. In-person registration dates are Sunday, January 16 and Saturday, January 22 at the RLL Clubhouse in Ft. Tilden. There will also be a registration session at Stop & shop on Saturday, January 15. All sessions are from 9am to 1pm. Go to www.rockawaylittleleagueny.com for more information.

BLOOD PREASURE SCREENING—St. John’s Hospital will conduct blood pressure screenings here at St. Mary’s Parish on:

Sun. Jan. 23—11 am to 2:30 pm
 Sun. Feb. 27— 11 am to 2:30 pm
 Sun. Mar. 20—11 am to 2:30 pm

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY - Professional therapy, provided by the New York State licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 112 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani has been conducted in the diocese for the past 36 years for the convenience of parishioners. Services are provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling 631-243-2503.

HEAP PROGRAM—Do you need assistance with paying your heating bill? Is your heat cut off because of lack of payment? Apply for a Heap Benefit today!! NYC Council Member James Sanders Jr. is offering The Home Energy Assistance Program (H.E.A.P.) The HEAP Program assists low-income New Yorkers with heating their homes. Apply Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Councilman Sanders’ new Far Rockaway Office, 1526 Central Avenue, Far Rockaway—718-471-7014. No appointment necessary.

“A Visit with St. Paul”

A one-man show written and performed by Glenn Smith

St. Raymond’s church
 East Rockaway, NY
 January 18, 2011—7:00 P.M.

This performance is a benefit for a Catholic missionary in China.

Glenn is a St. Raymond’s graduate—Class of ‘68

For more information:
www.visitwithstpaul.com

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

Ha sido una antigua tradición cristiana solicitar que una misa sea ofrecida por una persona en vida o fallecida. En la rectoría usted podrá solicitar que una misa sea anunciada. La donación de una misa es quince dólares. Hay un número limitado de misas disponibles desde ahora hasta el final del año.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$7547.71****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7441.64****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!

**Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****CORDERO DE DIOS**

En tiempos de Jesús, el cordero era una imagen familiar para el pueblo judío. Era parte de la tradición judía sacrificar un cordero con el fin de que el pueblo volviera a Dios después de haberse separado por el pecado. Por supuesto, Jesús les recordó a sus discípulos este sacrificio durante la Última Cena. Sus acciones en esa cena vincularían para siempre a sus discípulos al sacrificio que él hizo por cada uno de nosotros. Jesús se convirtió en el nuevo Cordero de la Pascua.

Juan Bautista reconoció que Jesús era ese sacrificio. Al acercarse, Juan proclamó a Jesús "Cordero de Dios". Después de ver al Espíritu descender sobre Jesús, Juan supo que ésa era la señal prometida por Dios para indicar al Elegido. Aunque no estaría claro lo que significaba ser el Cordero de Dios hasta después de la pasión y resurrección, Juan sabía que ése era el título más apropiado para la persona que se acercó a él ese día en el río Jordán.

AL SERVICIO DEL CORDERO

Creceremos solamente si nos ponemos al servicio los unos de los otros. A veces nos puede parecer que trabajamos solos, pero en realidad, como Pablo le explicó a los corintios, estamos unidos. Estamos unidos en Dios por el poder del Espíritu Santo y por Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios. En nuestra humanidad, puede ser que no podamos entregarnos tan completamente como Jesús, pero a pesar de todo, nos esforzamos por apoyarnos los unos a los otros en un servicio humilde. Con nuestra obediencia a la voluntad de Dios y con nuestras palabras y acciones de apoyo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, proclamamos al mundo el mensaje de amor de Jesús aún por los más pequeños. En el mensaje del evangelio y en las muchas vidas ejemplares que nos han precedido, encontramos la fortaleza para ofrecer nuestro servicio a los demás, que es realmente el servicio de Jesús mismo, el Cordero de Dios.

La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada el Lunes 17 de Enero del 2011 en conmemoración del Día de Martin Luther King Jr.

Semana de Oración

**Del cumplimiento a la espiritualidad**

La Eucaristía dominical ha de ser más que un mero cumplimiento de uno de los mandamientos de la santa madre Iglesia. La participación plena, consciente y activa en la celebración litúrgica supone ser un punto no negociable en la vida de los cristianos. No es del mero cumplimiento del precepto donde obtenemos lo necesario para continuar nuestra vida (aunque puede darse), es más bien, de asumir en nuestra vida lo que implica celebrar la Eucaristía. Es, creo yo, hacernos eco de la voz de los mártires del Norte de África que, ante la posibilidad del martirio y la experiencia de la tortura a causa de su fe, fueron capaces de afirmar: "No podemos ser cristianos sin la Eucaristía". Resulta obvio que la celebración es parte de esta cláusula, pero más allá está el atar la vida a ese misterio que se celebra; el transformar nuestra vida por la palabra proclamada, vivir con la frescura de tratarnos como hermanos y hermanas, hacernos pan para que todos coman; trabajar por la justicia como una posibilidad que puede comenzar ahora mismo y que como resultado tendrá la misericordia y la compasión hacia los demás. Si en realidad celebramos la plenitud del sacramento, domingo a domingo, no podremos ser cristianos sin la Eucaristía, sin convertirnos en lo que celebramos.

LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS

Si usted tiene a un familiar o un amigo en servicio activo en las Fuerzas Armadas, favor de informar a la rectoría para que podamos reconocer su servicio y orar para que regrese a casa pronto.

La Comunidad de Nigeria se reunirá para celebrar su Fiesta de Navidad el 22 de Enero del 2011 desde las 7:00 P.M. a 12:00 A.M. en el auditorio de la escuela .

MISA EN HONOR A LA VIRGEN DE LA ALTAGRACIA—La Comunidad Dominicana tendrá una Misa en honor a la Virgen de la Altagracia el 22 de Enero del 2011 a las 7:30 P.M. Tendremos al Padre Domingo Callado como celebrante. Después de la misa tendremos un pequeño refrigerio en el sótano de la escuela. Todos son bienvenidos.

El Circulo de Oración los invita el día Jueves 20 de Enero a la Misa de Sanación con el Padre Claudio Cely a las 7:30 P.M.