

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



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## TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR:

Rev. Msgr. John J. Bracken P.A., Ext. 22

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Jean Yvon Pierre, Ext. 27

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

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

## PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

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

## IN RESIDENCE:

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18  
Rev. Fredrick Anawonah, Ext. 17

## WEEKEND ASSISTANT:

Rev. Edward Smith

## TRUSTEES:

Lillian Virginia Roundtree  
Miguel Jimenez

## PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25  
Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, Ext. 25  
All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24.

## SCHOOL:

Ms. Angela D. Brucia, Principal  
595 B. 19th St., Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691  
Phone: 327-2242 Fax: 327-0797

## SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER

Ms. Carla Ramos - 718-327-2242, Ext. 204

## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass**

**MASS INTENTIONS***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)  
 Petronilo Carcamo (dec)  
 Amalia Gonzales

*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)  
 Sylvia Rostant (dec)  
 Kemi George (birthday)  
 Helene Joseph (birthday)  
 11:30 am – Por la salud de los hijos— Acción de Gracias  
 1:15 pm – John Sugrue (dec)  
 Adaora Madubuko (birthday)

*Monday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales*

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

*Tuesday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul*

- 8:00 am – Safety of those serving in the Armed Forces  
 12:10 pm – Married Couples

*Wednesday, January 26—St. Timothy & St. Titus*

- 8:00 am – For the sick and homebound  
 12:10 pm – For the children of St. Mary's School

*Thursday, January 27—St. Angela Merici*

- 9:00 am – Vocations  
 12:10 pm – Deceased Members of the Parish

*Friday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquina*

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples  
 7:30 pm – For the sick and the homebound

*Saturday, January 29*

- 12:10 pm – Children of the Parish  
 5:00 pm – Safety of those serving in the Armed Forces  
 7:30 pm – Vocaciones

*Sunday, January 30**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People  
 9:45 am – Raul Espinoza (dec)  
 11:30 am – Por todos los niños de la Parroquia  
 1:15 pm – Kevin Potter (dec)

**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, Bonifacia Laguna and our faithful departed.

## 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 1-15 & 1-16 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Relief	Total Collection
3:00 PM	200	0	\$534.00	0	\$0.00	\$534.00
5:00 PM	70	44	\$705.50	27	\$226.00	\$931.50
7:30 PM	550	63	\$1,171.39	33	\$383.05	\$1,554.44
8:15 AM	181	106	\$1,550.05	54	\$219.72	\$1,769.77
9:45 AM	175	44	\$419.22	23	\$168.46	\$587.68
11:30 AM	410	87	\$1,115.33	36	\$218.42	\$1,333.75
1:15 PM	168	55	\$1,024.90	38	\$187.00	\$1,211.90
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1554</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>\$5,986.39</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>\$1,402.65</b>	<b>\$7,389.04</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$8041.29**

**(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.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com).

### Weekday Readings

**Sun** \* Is 8:23-9:3 \* Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 \* Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17  
**Mon** \* Heb 9:15, 24-28 \* Ps 98:1-6 \* Mk 3:22-30  
**Tues** \* Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 \* Ps 117:1-2 \* Mk 16:15-18  
**Wed** \* 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 \* Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 \* Mk 4:1-20  
**Thurs** \* Heb 10:19-25 \* Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 \* Mk 4:21-25  
**Fri** \* Heb 10:32-39 \* Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 \* Mk 4:26-34  
**Sat** \* Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 \* Lk 1:69-75 \* Mk 4:35-41

### 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 flowers are given in honor of the **Virgin of Altigracia.**

**St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude**

**Trustees**

Miguel Jimenez  
Virginia Roundtree

**Pastoral Council**

Angela Brucia  
Vanessa Corchia  
Eileen Fucci  
Patrick Fucci  
Joyce George  
Yvonne Hall  
Zoila Herrera  
Miguel Jimenez  
Jocelyn Khan  
Concepcion Martinez  
Hazon Mohammed

Deacon Eddie Montero  
Carmen Montero  
Lucy Morales  
Deacon Michael Moss  
Harris Mouton  
Joanne Murray  
Estebana Nino  
Emy Punsalan  
Lillian Virginia Roundtree  
Virgilia Schiavone  
Maggie Tassy

Joseph Villadiego

**Finance Council**

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
Dr. Emy Punsalan  
Zoila Herrera  
Sylvia Ortiz-Moss  
Peter Briza

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday evening  
at 7:00 P.M. in the McKenna Conference Center.



**An Opportunity for Young Men to Learn More About the Priesthood**

Join Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and other priests and seminarians from the  
Brooklyn Diocese for an afternoon of prayer, dinner and conversation

Sunday, February 13, 2011  
At 6:00 P.M.

The Pope John Paul II  
House of Discernment  
718-827-2454

An Ursuline Sister is in need of a kidney transplant in order to prolong her life.  
Further information is available at [www.cornellsurgery.org/ttransplant](http://www.cornellsurgery.org/ttransplant)





## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FULFILLING STATEMENTS

The Gospel of Matthew was prepared for Jews who had converted to Christianity in the early church. Therefore, much of Matthew's Gospel connects with prophecies found in readings from the Hebrew scriptures. Many of these prophecies foretold the suffering, doom, and demise of the Israelites, an often recalcitrant nation. But sometimes the prophecies pointed the people to a new vision, a new hope. It is this type of hopeful prophecy found in Isaiah today. At the time of Isaiah's words (in the mid-eighth century B.C.) the Israelites were in the grip of darkness resulting from an Assyrian conquest. The Jewish leaders had rejected Isaiah's plea for courage and faith in God. Instead they followed the pagan Assyrians. It was during this time that Isaiah foretold the coming of a Savior. The hope that Isaiah offered the people was the light brought to them by God, in the promise of the Messiah.

### FOLLOWING JESUS . . . THE NEW LIGHT

Matthew makes a deliberate connection between the light that shines in the darkness and Jesus, the new light that will show us the way. The Gospel author uses the reading from Isaiah to connect the people of his community to their earlier tradition so that they could walk with Jesus Christ, the new light, the new hope.

There was something urgent in the story that Matthew put down for the people. As he described the call of the first disciples, they left their nets, their boats, and their families at the summons of Jesus. Two thousand years later, we still hear the invitation and our hearts are stirred to drop all the distractions of our lives and follow Jesus. The call of Jesus leads us to a vocation. We may choose a religious life or a single life, or we may be called to marriage, but it is the way in which we live out our response that brings us out of the darkness and allows us to walk in the light.

**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.

**BLOOD PREASURE SCREENING**—St. John's Hospital will conduct blood pressure screenings here at St. Mary and St. Gertrude 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

The 2010 tax statements are now available. Please cut out and fill in the form below; drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Mass, bring it to the rectory, or mail request form to:

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church  
 1920 New Haven Avenue  
 Far Rockaway, NY 11691  
 Attn: Joanne Murray

**NOTE: Tax statements are will not be automatically mailed out. Statements are given by request only.**

Request for 2010 Tax Statement  
 Please fill in and print all information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicable)

select one:  Will pick up

Please mail

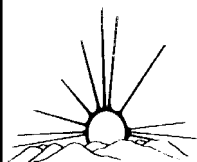
NOTE: Tax letters will only be mailed to the address in our files

**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.

**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.

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS****Domingo Pasado: \$7389.04****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$8041.29****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!

**Tercer Domingo del  
Tiempo Ordinario****CUMPLIDAS**

El evangelio de san Mateo fue escrito para los judíos que se habían convertido a la fe cristiana en la Iglesia primitiva. Por lo tanto, mucho del evangelio de san Mateo hace una conexión con las profecías que aparecen en la Escritura hebrea. Muchas de esas profecías anunciaban el sufrimiento, la destrucción y desaparición de los israelitas, una nación a menudo desobediente. Pero algunas veces las profecías indicaban una nueva visión y esperanza para el pueblo. Es este tipo de profecía llena de esperanza que hoy leemos en Isaías. Durante el tiempo de las palabras de Isaías (en la mitad del siglo VIII a.C.) los israelitas estaban sumergidos en la oscuridad a causa de la conquista de los asirios. Los gobernantes judíos rechazaron las súplicas de Isaías para que pusieran su fe en Dios y fueran valientes, en cambio empezaron a seguir las costumbres paganas de los asirios. Fue durante ese tiempo que Isaías anunció la venida de un Salvador. La esperanza que Isaías ofreció al pueblo fue la luz que Dios les trajo al prometerles al Mesías.

**SEGUIMOS A JESÚS . . . LA NUEVA LUZ**

San Mateo vincula conscientemente la luz que brilla en la oscuridad con Jesús, la nueva luz que nos mostrará el camino. El autor del evangelio usa la lectura de Isaías para vincular a la gente de su comunidad con las de la tradición anterior, para que pudieran caminar con Jesucristo, la nueva luz, la nueva esperanza.

Había algo urgente en la historia que san Mateo escribió para el pueblo. En su descripción de la llamada de los primeros discípulos, ellos dejaron sus redes, barcas y familias al escuchar la invitación de Jesús. Dos mil años más tarde todavía escuchamos la invitación, y nuestro corazón se conmueve y nos disponemos a abandonar las distracciones de nuestra vida para seguir a Jesús. El llamado de Jesús nos conduce a una vocación. Podemos escoger una vida religiosa o una vida célibe, o podemos ser llamados al matrimonio, pero la manera en que vivamos nuestra respuesta es lo que nos sacará de la oscuridad y nos permitirá caminar en la luz.

El Consejo Pastoral se reunirá el Jueves a las 7:00 P.M. en el centro de Conferencias McKenna.

**Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis****Administradores**

Miguel Jimenez  
Virginia Roundtree

**Consejo Pastoral**

Angela Brucia	Deacon Eddie Montero
Vanessa Corchia	Carmen Montero
Eileen Fucci	Lucy Morales
Patrick Fucci	Deacon Michael Moss
Joyce George	Harris Mouton
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Hazeron Mohammed	Maggie Tassy
	Joseph Villadiego

**Consejo Financiero**

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Peter Briza

**Una Oportunidad para los jóvenes de  
conocer algo más sobre el Sacerdocio...**

Únase a los Sacerdotes y seminaristas de la Diócesis de Brooklyn para una noche de oración, comida y conversación.

Domingo 31 de Enero, 2011  
4:30 P.M.

La Casa Discernimiento Papa Juan Pablo II  
718-827-2454



Una Hermana Ursulina necesita un trasplante de Riñón para poder sobrevivir. Para más información entre en el sitio web: [www.cornellsurgery.org/tranplant](http://www.cornellsurgery.org/tranplant).

**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.