

# 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 29*

- 12:10 pm – Mildred Curley (dec)
- 5:00 pm – Safety of those serving in the Armed Forces
- 7:30 pm – Walter F. Alvarenga Posada (cumpleaños)

*Sunday, January 30*

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Raul Espinoza (dec)  
Lenard George (dec)
- 11:30 am – Bonifacia (Bonny) Laguna (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Kevin Potter (dec)  
Gabriel, Herson & Walderman Rivera (dec)  
Robert Dier (dec)  
Virginia Matichak

*Monday, January 31—St. John Bosco*

- 8:00 am – Matthew Glomb (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Vocations

*Tuesday, February 1*

- 8:00 am – Thomas Valentine (special intention)
- 12:10 pm – Married Couples

*Wednesday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord*

- 8:00 am – Pat & John Gannon (dec)
- 12:10 pm – For the children of St. Mary’s School

*Thursday, February 3—St. Blaise & St. Ansgar*

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Deceased Members of the Parish

*Friday, February 4*

- 12:10 pm – Matthew Glomb (dec)
- 7:30 pm – For the sick and the homebound

*Saturday, February 5—St. Agatha*

- 12:10 pm – Children of the Parish
- 5:00 pm – Safety of those serving in the Armed Forces
- 7:30 pm – En honor de la Virgen de Suyapa  
Gladys Martinez Caffyn (dec)

*Sunday, February 6*

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) For the children of our Parish
- 11:30 am – Jose Antonio Osorto (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Robert Dier (dec)



**Pray for ...** Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yopez, Pedro Bonilla, Vivian & Edith Hall, Nydia Rodriguez, Lucinda Staten, Kathleen Briza, Michael Wanser, Shane Keane, Liz Moskowitz, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera and our faithful departed: Bonifacia Laguna, Maria Yutan.

**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.

**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 1-22 & 1-23 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env	1st Collection	# of Env.	Churches In	Total Collection
5:00 PM	59	42	\$895.49	24	\$165.18	\$1,060.67
7:30 PM	424	61	\$734.12	29	\$257.85	\$991.97
8:15 AM	123	43	\$1,081.80	25	\$204.00	\$1,285.80
9:45 AM	146	67	\$750.00	26	\$153.06	\$903.06
11:30 AM	375	93	\$1,316.35	53	\$428.09	\$1,744.44
1:15 PM	147	31	\$500.36	21	\$125.13	\$625.49
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>\$5,278.12</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>\$1,333.31</b>	<b>\$6,611.43</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$6500.36**

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

**Weekday Readings**

- Sun** \* Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 \* Ps 146:6-10 \* Mt 5:1-12
- Mon** \* Heb 11:32-40 \* Ps 31:20-24 \* Mk 5:1-20
- Tues** \* Heb 12:1-4 \* Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 \* Mk 5:21-43
- Wed** \* Mal 3:1-4 \* Ps 24:7-10 \* Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thurs** \* Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 \* Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 \* Mk 6:7-13
- Fri** \* Heb 13:1-8 \* Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 \* Mk 6:14-29
- Sat** \* Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Mk 6:30-34

**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 thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister.***



This weekend the Parish Finance Council is presenting the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year September 1, 2009—August 31, 2010. In his recent letter to the parish, Bishop DiMarzio reminded us of the necessity of preparing and living with a BALANCE BUDGET.

<u>EXPENSES</u>		
	Actual 2009-2010	Budget 2010-2011
Salaries	311,038	249,500
Benefits	153,790	75,000
Plant & Maintenance	216,932	137,000
Administration & Programs	159,403	224,470
<b>Total</b>	<b>841,163</b>	<b>685,970</b>
<u>INCOME</u>		
	Actual 2009-2010	Budget 2010-2011
Collections	330,994	371,000
Rent	109,011	145,000
Donations	81,727	137,000
Fundraiser	104,099	80,000
Other	54,130	72,832
<b>Total</b>	<b>679,963</b>	<b>688,832</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>(161,200)</b>	<b>2,862</b>

Over the last 10 years, the parish has operated at a deficit and has had to borrow funds from different sources in order to pay operating expenses. In his letter, Bishop DiMarzio reminded us of the obligation to develop a plan to repay the debts. As of August 31, 2010 the parish owes:

Assessment	76,284
Loan-Diocese	75,000
Loan-Parishes	55,038
Insurance	136,601
Workers Compensation	5,938
Priests Pension Fund	16,300
Employees Pension Fund	16,378
Medical Insurance	234,307
<b>Total</b>	<b>615,846</b>



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WHAT ARE BEATITUDES?

What is Jesus offering us today? They are called the "Beatitudes"—but what do they mean? There are no easy answers. Some say they are unattainable ideals, put before us as challenges. Others say they are only for a spiritual elite: the saints. Others would "translate" them into political slogans. One popular television personality called them the "Be Attitudes," subtly presenting them as optimistic, vaguely New-Age ideas.

Was Jesus a "wimp"? Is he asking us in the Beatitudes to be weak? Is this a program for so-called "losers"? We must admit that our conceptions of "meek" and "gentle" rarely serve as ideals toward which many of us care to strive.

Jesus does not burden his disciples with a system that counsels us to grit our teeth and endure. Instead, he places us in the midst of the real world and its conflicts, and he promises us a reward. Righteousness will be satisfied and merciful action will result in mercy extended toward us. As with Zephaniah, Jesus links justice and humility. We must be pure in order to direct ourselves and help others.

### A WAY OF LIFE, NOT A PROGRAM

Most modern ideologies promise peace and justice and happiness. Many also require violence against the so-called "enemies" of justice and peace. They must use force and violence, of course, only in order to "make" people good.

Those are not the teachings of Jesus. This New Law is promulgated on a peaceful hillside in Galilee, not on the slopes of a pulsing volcano in the desert. How surprisingly God works, calling the weak to be heroic, calling us to acknowledge our shame in order to overcome our willfulness and pride. He asks us not to tame the universe, but to tame ourselves. History and our own experience have shown this to be a much more difficult task.



### 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

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

### The Substance Abuse Hotline at Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services

1-800-659-1603

Hours: Mon., Wed. & Thurs (8:30 AM—8:00 PM)  
Tues. & Fri. (8:30 AM—5:00 PM)  
Sat. (9:00—1:00 PM)

### 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.

### Una Oportunidad para los jóvenes de conocer algo mas sobre el Sacerdocio...

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

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

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



**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS****Domingo Pasado: \$6611.48****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6500.36****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 del Tiempo Ordinario****¿QUÉ SON LAS BIENAVENTURANZAS?**

¿Qué son estas máximas que Jesús nos ofrece hoy? Las llamamos "las Bienaventuranzas", pero, ¿qué quieren decir? Para esa pregunta no hay respuesta fácil. Algunos dicen que son unos ideales imposibles, que Jesús nos presenta a manera de desafíos. Otros dicen que son nada más para un grupo muy selecto –para los santos. Otros las tratan de "traducir" en forma de lemas políticos. Hasta hay quien las trata de traducir como máximas vagas y optimistas de la "Nueva Era".

¿Acaso sería Jesús un hombre endeble? Cuando nos enseña las Bienaventuranzas, ¿nos está enseñando acaso a ser débiles? ¿Es éste un programa para "perdedores"? Debemos admitir que nuestros conceptos de "manso" y "humilde" raramente son los ideales que muchos de nosotros nos afanemos por conseguir.

Jesús no les da a sus discípulos la carga de un sistema que nos hace apretar los dientes y aguantar. Más bien, nos coloca en medio del mundo real, con todos sus conflictos, y nos promete una recompensa. Nuestra hambre de justicia quedará saciada y la misericordia que damos a los demás volverá sobre nosotros. Al igual que el profeta Sofonías, Jesús también conecta la justicia con la humildad. Tenemos que tener un corazón limpio para poder dirigirnos a nosotros mismos y poder ayudar a los demás.

**NO ES UN PROGRAMA, SINO UNA MANERA DE VIVIR**

La mayoría de las ideologías de nuestra época nos prometen la paz, la justicia y la felicidad. Muchas también nos piden que usemos la violencia contra "los malos" –los llamados "enemigos de la justicia y de la paz". Hay que usar la violencia, nos dicen, pero sólo para forzar a la gente a que sea buena.

Eso no es lo que nos enseña Jesús. Proclama su Nueva Ley sobre una ladera pacífica de Galilea, no sobre los riscos de un volcán en el desierto. ¡Qué inesperados son los caminos de Dios! Llama a los débiles a ser héroes, y nos invita a reconocer nuestra vergüenza para así vencer nuestra soberbia y nuestra terquedad. No nos pide que dominemos el universo, sino que nos dominemos a nosotros mismos. La historia y nuestra experiencia individual nos enseñan que esto último es mucho más difícil que lo primero.

Este fin de semana el Consejo Financiero de la Parroquia presentará el Reporte Financiero anual del año fiscal desde Septiembre 1, 2009 – Agosto 31, 2010. En su reciente carta a la parroquia, el Obispo DiMarzio nos recuerda de la necesidad de preparar y vivir con un **PRESUPUESTO BALANCEADO**.



	<u>GASTOS</u>	
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Durante los últimos 10 años, nuestra parroquia ha estado funcionando con un déficit financiero y ha tenido que tomar dinero prestado de diferentes fuentes para poder cubrir el costo operativo de la parroquia. En su carta, el Obispo DiMarzio, nos recuerda la obligación de desarrollar un plan para poder saldar todas nuestras deudas. Hasta Agosto 31, 2010 nuestra parroquia debe la cantidad de:

Evaluación	76,284
Préstamo-Diócesis	75,000
Préstamo-Parroquias	55,038
Seguros	136,601
Compensación de empleados	5,938
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