

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



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Deacon Michael C. Moss
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Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16
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IN RESIDENCE:

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

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 at St. Gertrude's),
11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Saturday
9:00 at St. Gertrude's - Thursday
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

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 & 9:45 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.

JDV Group: Wednesdays 8:00 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, February 4**

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
 5:00 pm – Mass available
 7:30 pm – Misa en honor a la Virgen de Suyapa
 Justine Sequeira Bojorge (dec)
 Consuelo Avila (dec)

Sunday, February 5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Carmelita Brazzier—Thanksgiving
 Daphne Riley (healing)
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available
 11:30 am – Pascual Rivas (dec)
 Presentación de la bebe Kristal Rivera Muñoz
 Ana Delmi Cruz—Acción de Gracias
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
 Maria Luisa Lemus Garcia (dec)

Monday, February 6—St. Paul Miki

- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Tuesday, February 7

- 12:10 pm – Adam Jole Halsey (healing)

Wednesday, February 8—St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

- 12:10 pm – Thomas Valentine (healing)

Thursday, February 9

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available
 12:10 pm – Father Jean Yvon Pierre—Thanksgiving

Friday, February 10 – St. Scholastica

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
 7:30 pm – Luis A. Castillo

Saturday, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
 5:00 pm – Mass available
 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Sunday, February 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – For the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Dolly Vidales Cardona (dec)
 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes de la Parroquia
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.

The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister.**

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 - \$4097.00
2nd Collection - \$1565.00


First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2011):
\$4776.75


(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.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 * Ps 147:1-6 * Mk 1:29-30
Mon * 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 * Ps 132:6-10 * Mk 6:53-56
Tues * 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 * Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 * Mk 7:1-13
Wed * 1 Kgs 10:1-10 * Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 * Mk 7:14-23
Thurs * 1 Kgs 11:4-13 * Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 * Mk 7:24-30
Fri * 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 * Ps 81:10-15 * Mk 7:31-37
Sat * 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 * Ps 106:6-7, 19-22 * Mk 8:1-10

 Pray for ... Sister Dolores Foster CSJ, Daphne Riley, Claire Borgella, Rosalie McAllister, , Roberto Bonilla, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially Eileen Barton, Ismael Hernandez, Gregorio Garcia, Ena Shortt.

 The Vocations Crosses are available for 2012. Sign-up sheets may be found in the lobbies of both parish locations.

 Please sign-up and take home the Vocations Cross for 1 week and pray for vocations. It is important that we, the faithful, pray for our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.

There are two crosses available at each location.

VOCACIONES

Las Cruces de Vocaciones están disponibles para este año 2012. En el vestíbulo de ambas Iglesias encontrarán las hojas para anotarse para recibir la Cruz por una semana.

Por favor anótese para llevar la Cruz de Vocaciones a su casa por una semana para orar por las vocaciones. Es muy importante que nosotros, los fieles, oremos por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, hermanos y hermanas religiosas.

Tenemos dos cruces disponibles en cada parroquia.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WOE IS ME

Often we think about the troubles in our lives and cry out, “Woe is me!” Like Job we might look around in despair at the misery in the world. Like Job’s friends we might look backward for something or someone on which to blame our suffering. We may decide that God—or we ourselves—must be to blame.

The Gospel today offers a different perspective from which to view earthly suffering. Jesus realized that there was nothing to be gained from looking around in despair or backward in blame. Instead, he looked forward in hope. He did not blame the sick and the possessed for their suffering, as many others did. And he did not give up hope, even though he knew he couldn’t cure all the sickness in the world. Jesus tried neither to eliminate human suffering nor to explain it. He simply did what good he could do in the time that he had.

WOE TO ME IF I DO NOT PREACH IT!

Above all, Jesus kept preaching the good news of the reign of God, a spiritual reality that triumphs over every form of suffering. This was his purpose. When we believe in this good news we may not be healed of physical illness or understand the reason for human suffering, but we do receive something much more valuable. We are healed of the sickness of despair and freed from the demons of guilt and blame. The Spirit energizes us to do what good we can do in the time that we have. With Paul we will want everyone to know about the healing, liberating reign of God. We might even begin to say, “Woe to me if I do not preach” the gospel!

Today’s Scriptures encourage us to look forward in hope, to do what we can, and to preach the good news of the reign of God.

Father Jean Yvon Pierre expresses gratitude as he says ***FAREWELL!!!***

My dear parishioners,

It is with deep gratitude in my heart that I pen this message of mine to you both young and old, as I depart from your ever-loving presence. I am grateful to all of you for your love and affection, for your dedication to serve the parish and your desire to come and pray as one family of God, and this I have witnessed during my three years of stay here in your midst as Parochial Vicar.

As I leave, I want to thank the priests of the Parish for allowing me to live such a great fraternity experience. In a special way, I want to express gratitude to Fr. Jim Cunningham and Msgr John J. Bracken, two of our former pastors and Father Fulgencio Gutierrez, our current one, for their support and understanding.

I was being transferred from St Mary Star of the Sea and St Gertrude Parish to become the new Parochial Vicar of St Jerome Parish, in Brooklyn. I assure you all of my prayers always. May I ask you to stay close to me, too, in your prayers for me. I will not forget you. I know you will not forget me.

Thank you, every one of you, for your love and your support of my priestly life and ministry.

God bless you!
Father Jean Yvon Pierre

The 2011 tax statements are now available. Please fill in the form below; drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Mass, bring it to either 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 will not be automatically mailed

Request for 2011 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 on our files

registration

St. Camillus School, located on Beach 99th Street, is taking registration for the school year 2012-2013. Please call the school 718-634-5260 for an appointment. When you come for registration, please



bring the following:

- The child to be registered
- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate
- Copy of the Immunization Record
- For students registering above Kgn, please bring the latest report card
- Students for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2012
- Check for registration fee

An Open House has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. for families of prospective students.



World Day for Consecrated Life was celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, and observed today Sunday, February 5, 2012, in parishes. Please pray for all those who have made commitments

in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Catholic Charities Queens Community Center is excited to announce the establishment of our

Far Rockaway Field Office
 at **St. Mary Star of the Sea RC Church**
 1920 New Haven Ave. Far Rockaway

The following services in English are available

Tuesdays 9:00am – 4:30pm
Wednesdays 2:30pm – 5pm

Preferably BY APPOINTMENT:

For more information, please contact Christina Smith via phone 1.347.472.5043 or visit us at www.CCBQ.org.

Speech and Hearing Screenings and Hearing Aid Help

St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering **FREE** Speech and Hearing Screenings and Hearing Aid Help from January 30, 2012 through May 7, 2012. Please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the 2012 Fresh Air Fund and Friendly Town summer camp sleepaway program. Parents, give your children an opportunity for a 2-week vacation this summer at no cost to you. For information and applications, see Christina Smith of Catholic Charities in the rectory on Tuesday afternoons 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, or on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

ROCKAWAY LITTLE LEAGUE

The FINAL in-person registration for the 2012 baseball and softball seasons will be on Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the clubhouse in Ft. Tilden. Online registration is open from now until February 15. Go to www.rockawaylittleleagueny.com. for more information or to register.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4097.00
Segunda Colecta: \$1565.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4776.75

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!



Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¡AY DE MÍ!

Con frecuencia pensamos en los problemas en nuestra vida y clamamos: “¡Ay de mí!” Como Job podemos *mirar a nuestro alrededor* con desesperación al contemplar la miseria del mundo. Como los amigos de Job, podemos *mirar hacia atrás* buscando algo o a alguien a quien culpar por nuestros sufrimientos. Podemos decidir que Dios, o nosotros mismos, somos los culpables.

El Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece una perspectiva diferente de nuestros sufrimientos terrenales. Jesús comprendió que no ganaba nada mirando a su alrededor en desesperación o hacia el pasado buscando a quien culpar. En cambio, *miró hacia adelante* lleno de esperanza. Él no culpó al enfermo ni al poseído por sus sufrimientos, como hicieron muchos otros. Y él no perdió la esperanza, aunque sabía que no podía curar todas las enfermedades del mundo. Jesús ni trató de eliminar el sufrimiento humano ni de explicarlo. Simplemente hizo el bien que pudo en el tiempo que tuvo.

¡AY DE MÍ SI NO LO PREDICO!

Por sobre todo, Jesús se mantuvo predicando la Buena Nueva del Reino de Dios, una realidad espiritual que triunfa sobre cualquier sufrimiento. Éste fue su propósito. Cuando creemos en esta buena noticia podemos no ser curados de una enfermedad física o no entender la razón del sufrimiento humano, pero recibimos algo mucho más valioso. Somos sanados de la enfermedad de la desesperación y liberados de los demonios de la culpabilidad y del remordimiento. El Espíritu nos da la energía para hacer tanto bien como podemos en el tiempo que tenemos. Como Pablo queremos que todos conozcan el poder sanador y liberador del Reino de Dios. Hasta podríamos comenzar a decir “¡Ay de mí si no predico” el Evangelio!

Las Sagradas Escrituras hoy nos animan a mirar hacia adelante con esperanza, a hacer lo que podemos, y a predicar la buena nueva del reino de Dios.



El Día Mundial de la Vida Consagrada fue celebrado en la Iglesia el miércoles, 2 de febrero, y se observará hoy Domingo 2 de Febrero, 2012 en todas las parroquias. Por favor, oren por todos aquellos que se han comprometido a la vida consagrada, y asegúrese de darles las gracias en su día especial para que sigan siendo inspirados por Jesucristo y puedan responder con generosidad al don de Dios en su vocación.

El Padre Jean Yvon Pierre expresa su agradecimiento y nos dice



Mis queridos feligreses,

Es con profunda gratitud en mi corazón, que les escribo este mensaje a todos, jóvenes y adultos, mientras me alejo de su siempre amorosa presencia. Le agradezco a todos ustedes por su amor y afecto, por su dedicación a servir a la parroquia y su deseo de venir a orar como una sola familia de Dios, de esto he sido testigo durante mis tres años aquí en medio de ustedes como su Vicario Parroquial.

Mientras me voy, quiero agradecerle a los sacerdotes de la parroquia que me permitieron vivir una experiencia de gran fraternidad. De manera especial, quiero agradecerles al Padre Jim Cunningham y al Monseñor John J. Bracken, dos de nuestros antiguos administradores y a nuestro actual administrador, el Padre Fulgencio Gutiérrez, por su apoyo y comprensión.

Desde esta Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis, fui trasladado a la Parroquia San Jerónimo en Brooklyn como el nuevo Vicario Parroquial. Les aseguro que todas mis oraciones siempre estarán con ustedes. Les pido que siempre permanezcan junto a mí a través de sus oraciones. No los olvidaré y yo se que ustedes no me olvidaran.

Gracias a cada uno de ustedes por todo el amor y apoyo que me dieron, tanto en mi vida sacerdotal como en mi ministerio.

Que Dios los bendiga!
Padre de Jean Pierre Yvon

ACTO CULTURAL—El Comité Altagraciano de Santa María y Santa Gertrudis les invita a una cena y acto cultural el 25 de Febrero del 2012 a las 7:30 P.M. en el auditorio de la escuela. Como invitado tendremos a Angelito Villalona. Tenemos boletos disponible a \$15 por silla o 2 por \$25. Participaran en el Acto Cultural el Perrico Ripiao, el Paletero y Limpia Bota.