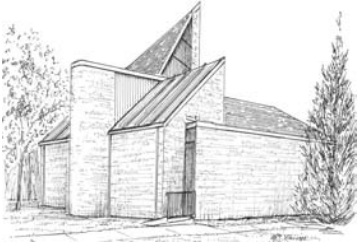


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero
Deacon Rene Hernandez

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Mrs. Carmen Montero, Ext. 10

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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
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Lillian Virginia Rountree

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Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, CCD
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 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

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.

**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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 9, 2013

- 12:10 pm - No Mass will be celebrated
- 5:00 pm - Felipe Ortiz (dec)
Odilia Georges—Thanksgiving
- 7:30 pm - En honor a la Virgen de Suyapa
Felipe Santos (dec)
Maria Nieves Hernandez (dec)
Basilia Gutierrez - Acción de Gracias

Sunday, February 10, 2013 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Mass available
- 9:45 am - Victoria Nuñez (dec)
- 11:30 am - Virgen de la Altagracia - Acción de Gracias
Por los Sacerdotes
Julian Rivas (dec), Esperanza Guillen (dec)
Edwin Cardona (sanación)
Selina Talavera (recuperación)
Presentación del bebe Jonathan Monzón Guzman
- 1:15 pm - Mercedes Martorell (dec)

Monday, February 11, 2013 - Our Lady of Lourdes

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 - Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 am - Ashes Only
- 9:00 am - Bi-lingual Mass
- 12:10 pm - Benigna Rodriguez (dec), James Uwaechie (dec)
- 5:00 pm - Prayer Service/Ashes
- 7:30 pm - Bi-lingual Mass

Thursday, February 14, 2013 -St. Cyril, Monk & Methodius

- 12:10 pm - Camille A. Marcos (birthday)

Friday, February 15, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
- 7:30 pm - Eli Samuel Rivera Pedroza (dec)

Saturday, February 16, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Beginning March 2 this Mass will no longer take place
- 5:00 pm - Mass available
- 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec), Jorge y Emma de Paz (dec)

Sunday, February 17, 2013 - First Sunday of Lent

- 8:15 am - Mass available
- 9:45 am - Mass available
- 11:30 am - Selina Talavera (recuperación)
Familia Ortiz Rivera (dec)
- 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.**

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 - \$4855.00
Second Collection- \$1528.00

First Collection Last Year: \$7392.00

(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.

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick and Our Faithful Departed

Laura Clarke, Sylvia Rodriguez, Dorothy Dumb, Kathleen Briza, Edgar Malave, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed, especially Luis Rodriguez.


Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Is 6:1-2, 3-8 * Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 * Lk 5:1-11
- Mon** * Gn 1:1-19 * Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 * Mk 6:53-56
- Tues** * Gn 1:20-2:4 * Ps 8:4-9 * Mk 7:1-13
- Wed** * Jl 2:12-18 * Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 * Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thurs** * Dt 30:15-20 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Lk 9:22-25
- Fri** * Is 58:1-9 * Ps 51:3-6, 18-19 * Mt 9:14-15
- Sat** * Is 58:9-14 * Ps 86:1-6 * Lk 5:27-32

Altar Server Assignments for Feb. 16 & 17, 2013

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Bianca Salonga, Christian Rodriguez
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Michelle Martinez, Lisbed Flores,
Joselin Flores
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu,
Iziegbeuwa Odia
- Sun. 9:45 – Joseph Santizo, Kimora George
- Sun. 11:30 AM –Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada,
Sebastian Rosas
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Henry Jean-Michel, Christina Gonsalves,
Charisma Gonsalves

Ash Wednesday Schedule

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|  | 7:00 A.M. | Ashes Only |
| | 9:00 A.M. | Bi-Lingual Mass |
| | 12:10 P.M. | Mass in English |
| | 5:00 P.M. | Prayer Service/Ashes |
| | 7:30 P.M. | Bi-Lingual Mass |



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

John, the only other evangelist to recount the story of the miraculous catch of fishes, places the story after the resurrection of Christ from the dead, not at the beginning of his ministry, as Luke does here. Unlike Matthew and Mark, who write that the disciples immediately follow Jesus at his summons, Luke seems to know that his listeners will comprehend the call to discipleship better if it follows a miraculous sign. But whether it's Luke describing the beginning of the disciples following Jesus in mission, or John's depiction of the risen Christ preparing his followers for the mission facing them after his return to the Father, the point is the same—and remains the same for us today. Paul expresses it best. It does not matter who preaches the gospel, or where or when, but only that it is, through the grace of God in us, preached and believed.

GOD IS CALLING

When God calls you to preach that gospel, what will be your response? Do you feel you have what it takes to love and serve? God knows your gifts and your goodness, even where the only things you may see are your faults. Despite these flaws, or perhaps even because of them, God wants you just as you are, just as God called Isaiah, Paul, and Peter. God assured and strengthened them in spite of their fears. Even as Paul said, "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle" (1 Corinthians 15:9). Even as the psalmist said, "When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me" (Psalm 138:3). Remember, Peter finally said, "At your command I will lower the nets" (Luke 5:5).

Today's readings offer a clarion call to each of us to live the vocation to which God has called us. Through our baptism, we have been invited to live out God's vibrant love each day, making some hard choices as we go along. Today's readings offer food for the journey as we try and try again to leave *everything* and follow Jesus.

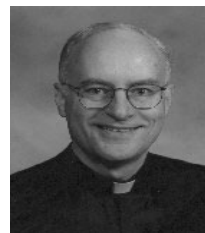
Lay Ministry Sunday

Today is Lay Ministry Sunday throughout the Diocese, a day on we celebrate the many ways in which our lay women and men give of themselves in service to God and to the Church. While all are called to service, some are called to leadership. Today we are being given an opportunity to affirm, thank and celebrate the many dedicated lay women and men who give tirelessly of their time and talent in doing God's work in service to others and to the Church as liturgical ministers, ministers of consolation, members of the finance and pastoral councils, adult faith formation coordinators, liturgical planners and so many other ways.

We can never thank you enough for all that you do for the Church and for the community.

Year of Faith Corner

SAVE THE DATE



Please mark this date on your calendar: **Tuesday, February 26, 2013**. Our new Auxiliary Bishop, Bishop Raymond Chappetto, will visit us for Lent and lead us in the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:30 PM in St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. Let us continue to celebrate the "Year of Faith" by coming out to welcome Bishop Chappetto to our parish.

The Year of Faith

During the year of faith, please consider taking home the Vocations Cross for one week. Invite your family, friends, neighborhoods and fellow parishioners to join you to pray for our priests, deacons and religious; in addition to praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Remember, without priests, there can be no Eucharist; the Eucharist is the center of our faith.

A Family Prayer for the "Year of Faith"

O God our Father, in Jesus you call all
Christian families and homes
to be signs of living faith.
By the light of the Holy Spirit,
lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith,
and by that gift may we grow in our
relationship with Jesus, your Son,
and be confident witnesses to Christian
hope and joy to all we meet.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Golden Age Club will be meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2013 from 9:30 to 12 Noon at the McKenna Center.

Lay Ministry Sunday **A Prayer for Lay Ministers**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

...Psalm 19:15

Parish of St Mary Star of the Sea & St Gertrude

2013 Holy Season of Lent

7:00PM TUESDAY EVENINGS
PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 19

For The Conversion of Sinners

February 26

For Vocations with BISHOP CHAPPETTO
Preceded by Holy Rosary for Vocations

March 4

For SPIRITUAL Healing ...Scriptural Readings

March 12

The Way of the Cross with Mary the Mother of Jesus

March 19

For a Deeper Understanding of the Paschal Mystery

The 2012 tax statements are now available. Please fill in the form below and drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Mass, or 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 are will not be automatically mailed out. Statements are given by request only.

Request for 2012 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.



The month of February is celebrated as Black History to honor and pay tribute to all people of color who have contributed so much to our history. This year, during the month of February, we will pay tribute to some of the prominent Blacks in the history of the catholic (universal) Church.

First African American Bishop in the United States

Bishop James Augustine Healy entered a seminary in Canada to become a priest because Blacks were not allowed to enter the seminary in the United States. Two of his three brothers became priests and one of his sisters became a nun. He was made a bishop in 1875 by Pope Pius IX.

Annual Catholic Appeal Final 2012 Report

GREAT JOB! As of December 31, 2012, we received pledges totaling \$62,972.00 from 318 contributors. We collected \$53,160.00, which means that \$8,671.00 will be returned to our parish. We could not have done this without your commitment. I can never thank you enough for all that you do.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation originally scheduled for Nov. 2012 will be on Saturday February 23, at 5pm at

St. Rose of Lima RC Church
130 Beach 84th Street
Rockaway Beach, NY 11693

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4855.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1528.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7392.00

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!



Domingo del Ministerio Laico

Hoy es el Domingo del Ministerio Laico en toda la Diócesis, el día en que celebramos las muchas maneras en que nuestros laicos, hombres y mujeres dan de sí mismos al servicio de Dios y de la Iglesia. Mientras que todos somos llamados al servicio, algunos son llamados a ocupar posiciones de liderazgo.

Hoy se nos da la oportunidad de afirmar, agradecer y celebrar a todos los laicos, hombres y mujeres dedicados que incansablemente dan de su tiempo y talento al servicio de los demás y de la Iglesia como ministros litúrgicos, ministros de consolación, miembros de los comité de finanzas y consejo pastorales, coordinadores de formación en la fe de adultos, planificadores litúrgicos y tantas otras cosas. Nunca podremos agradecerles suficientemente por todo lo que hacen por la Iglesia y por nuestra comunidad.

Oración para los Ministros Laicos

*Que te agraden mis palabras y mis pensamientos,
oh Señor, roca mía, mi redentor.
.....salmo 19:15*



Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

PREDICAR EL EVANGELIO

San Juan, el otro único evangelista que nos cuenta la historia de la pesca milagrosa, coloca este incidente después de la resurrección de Jesús, y no al principio de su ministerio, como lo hace san Lucas. San Mateo y san Marcos nos cuentan que los discípulos siguieron a Jesús tan pronto los llamó. Pero san Lucas parece darse cuenta de que sus lectores comprenderán mejor el llamado si éste le sigue a un signo milagroso. Pero, ya sea que Lucas describa el inicio de los discípulos siguiendo a Jesús en su misión, o sea que Juan nos pinte a Cristo resucitado preparando a los discípulos para la misión que les espera cuando él haya regresado a su Padre, la lección de la historia es la misma –y sigue siendo la misma para sus discípulos de hoy. San Pablo la expresa magníficamente: No importa quién sea que anuncie el mensaje del evangelio, ni dónde ni cuándo; lo que importa es que, por la gracia de Dios en nosotros, el evangelio ha sido predicado y las personas lo han creído.

CUANDO DIOS LLAMA

Cuando Dios te llame a predicar su evangelio, ¿cómo responderás? ¿Te parece que tienes lo que hace falta para amar y servir? Dios conoce tus dones y tu bondad, aun cuando tú puedas ver sólo tus fallas. A pesar de esos defectos, o tal vez hasta por causa de ellos, Dios te llama tal como eres –igual que llamó a Isaías, a san Pablo o a san Pedro. Dios los afirmó y fortaleció a pesar de sus temores. El mismo san Pablo dijo, “Yo soy el último de los apóstoles, y ni siquiera merezco ser llamado apóstol” (1Corintios 15:9). Y así dice el salmista: “El día en que clamé, tú me escuchaste –y le infundiste a mi alma más valor”. No olvidemos que al fin Pedro dijo: “Porque tú lo mandas, echaré las redes” (Lucas 5:5).

Las lecturas de hoy son como un toque de clarín que nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a vivir la vocación a la que Dios nos ha llamado. Por el bautismo hemos sido invitados a vivir el amor increíble de Dios día a día, a hacer algunas decisiones muy difíciles en el transcurso del tiempo. Las lecturas de hoy nos ofrecen alimento para el camino, mientras que tratamos una y otra vez de abandonarlo *todo* para seguir a Jesús.



El Club Edad de Oro se reunirá el Jueves 28 de Febrero del 2013 de 9:30 AM a 12:00 mediodía en el Centro McKenna.

SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN

El Sacramento de Confirmación que fue originalmente programado para Nov. 2012 se llevara a cabo el Sábado 23 de Febrero, a las 5pm en la
Iglesia Santa Rosa de Lima
130 Beach 84th Street
Rockaway Beach, NY 11693



El Año de la Fe

Durante el Año de la Fe, por favor traten de llevar a casa la Cruz de Vocaciones por una semana. Invite a su familia, amigos, vecinos y feligreses a unirse para rezar por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas, y también por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio. Recuerden, sin sacerdotes, no tendríamos Eucaristía, y la Eucaristía es el centro de nuestra fe.

Oración de la Familia en el Año de la Fe

Oh Dios, nuestro Padre,
por Jesús llamaste a todas las familias
y hogares cristianos a ser ejemplos de la fe viva.
Por la luz del Espíritu Santo,
haz que seamos agradecidos por el regalo de la fe,
y que por medio de ese regalo
crezcamos en nuestra relación con Jesús, tu Hijo
y seamos auténticos testigos de esperanza y gozo cristiano
para todos con los que nos encontremos.
En el nombre de Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor.
Amén.



En el mes de Febrero se celebra el mes de la Herencia Afroamericana en el cual honramos y le rendimos tributo a todas las personas afroamericanas que contribuyeron tanto en nuestra historia. Este año, durante el mes de Febrero, vamos a rendirle tributo a algunos afroamericanos prominentes en historia de la Iglesia Católica (universal).

Primer Obispo afroamericano en los Estados Unidos

El Obispo James Augustine Healy entró en un seminario de Canadá para ser sacerdote porque en los Estados Unidos no se les permitía a las personas de color entrar al seminario. Dos de sus tres hermanos llegaron a ser sacerdotes y una de sus hermanas se convirtió en monja. Fue nombrado obispo en el 1875 por el Papa Pío IX.

Informe Final de la Campaña Anual Católica 2012

MUY BUEN TRABAJO! Hasta el 31 de diciembre del 2012, recibimos en promesas un total de \$ 62,972.00 de 318 compromisos. Pudimos recaudar \$ 53,160.00, lo que significa que \$ 8,671.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Sin su apoyo no hubiéramos podido hacerlo. Nunca podré agradecerles suficientemente todo lo que hacen por nuestra parroquia.



Miércoles
de Ceniza

Horario para el Miércoles de Cenizas

7:00 A.M.	Cenizas solamente
9:00 A.M.	Misa bilingüe
12:10 P.M.	Misa en Ingles
5:00 P.M.	Servicio de Oración/cenizas
7:30 P.M.	Misa bilingüe