

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



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Deacon Michael C. Moss
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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 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Erick Damian (cumpleaños)

Sunday, February 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Victor Becerra (dec)
Leonor Becerra—Thanksgiving
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Dolly Vidales Cardona (dec)
- 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes de la Parroquia
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Gilma Serpas
Maria Fe De Castro (birthday)

Monday, February 13

- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Tuesday, February 14—St. Cyril & St. Methodius

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

Wednesday, February 15

- 12:10 pm – Rafael Moronta (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, February 16

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Tepoxina Araujo (dec)

Friday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – For the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 11:30 am – Jorge & Emma de Paz (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving



Sister Dolores Foster CSJ, Claire Borgella, Rosalie McAllister, , Roberto Bonilla, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially Daphne Riley.

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.

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 - \$7392.00
2nd Collection - \$1965.00

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2011): \$6261.66

(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** * Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 * Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 * Mk 1:40-45
- Mon** * Jas 1:1-11 * Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 * Mk 8:11-13
- Tues** * Jas 1:12-18 * Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 * Mk 8:14-21
- Wed** * Jas 1:19-27 * Ps 15:2-5 * Mk 8:22-26
- Thurs** * Jas 2:1-9 * Ps 34:2-7 * Mk 8:27-33
- Fri** * Jas 2:14-24, 26 * Ps 112:1-6 * Mk 8:34- 9:1
- Sat** * Jas 3:1-10 * Ps 12:2-5, 7-8 * Mk 9:2-13

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for
Teresita Rosas.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK: In memory of a departed relative or friend.

FLOWERS (each arrangement)	\$55.00
BREAD AND WINE	\$50.00
CANDLES	\$15.00



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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD”

What is your true calling in life? Is it to help other people? Is it to develop the talents that God gave you? Is it to love and support your family? While all of these may be true for us we don't often recognize that our deepest calling, or vocation, is to give glory to the God who creates, saves, and sanctifies us. In the First Letter to the Corinthians Paul exhorts us to “do everything for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). The one person who did this better than anyone else was Jesus Christ. So it comes as no surprise that Paul also tells us to “be imitators of Christ.”

How did Jesus give glory to God? He sought not his “own benefit but that of the many, that they might be saved” (1 Corinthians 13:3). Today's Gospel gives us a challenging example from Jesus' life. Jesus saves a leper from the stigma and suffering of leprosy. Afterward the leper joyfully returns to the community and tells everyone the good news about what Jesus did for him. As a result Jesus finds that he now experiences the exclusion that the leper had once known. He can no longer “enter a town openly” and must remain “outside in deserted places.”

IMITATORS OF CHRIST

Most of us will probably never cure anyone from leprosy or any other disease. How, then, are we to imitate the Christ who worked such wonders? We are called to give glory to God by using our own gifts with courage and generosity, as Jesus did. We are called to seek not our “own benefit but that of the many.” risking our own pride, status, time, money, or pleasure for the common good. We are called to tell everyone the good news about what Christ does for us—and through us—every day.

Then everything we do will be for the glory of God.

Called By Name

A Process of Invitation to Church Vocations



On February 1, 2012, the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Brooklyn implemented a new program, “**CALLED BY NAME**,” to reach out to those who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life. If you or anyone you know, a family member, a fellow parishioner, a friend, who may be interested in Catholic Vocations, and would like to speak with someone to get more information, please fill out the response card, which may be found in the church vestibule and place it in the collection basket, mail it or bring it to the rectory. You may also speak with one of our Vocations Committee members; Joyce George, Olivia Hernandez, Zoila Herrera, Joanne Murray or Estebana Niño.

You will also find in the vestibule a brochure, which highlights some of the qualities desired in a candidate for the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Remember in prayer those men and women of our parish who may be nominated, that they may appreciate their giftedness and respond to Christ's call.

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.

Join us on a
Diocesan Pilgrimage
To Ireland and to
The 50th International Eucharistic Congress

June 8—18, 2012
Chaplains
Fr. Brian Dowd & Fr. James Cunningham
For a brochure call
1-800-225-7662



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

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 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 Wednesdays from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM or call 347.472.5043.

VOCACIONES

Las Cruces de Vocaciones están disponibles para este año 2012. En el vestíbulo de ambas Iglesias encontraran 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.

PROGRAMA PARA CAMPAMENTO DE VERANO

Las aplicaciones están disponibles para el Programa de Campamento de Verano 2012 por Fresh Air Fund. Sus hijos pueden tener la oportunidad de tener unas vacaciones de dos semanas este verano sin costo alguno para usted. Para más información y aplicaciones, favor de ver a Christina Smith, de Caridades Católicas en la rectoría los miércoles de 2:30 PM a 5:00 PM o puede llamar al 347.472.5043.



Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“HAZLO TODO POR LA GLORIA DE DIOS”

¿Cuál es tu verdadero llamado en la vida?

¿Ayudar a otros? ¿Desarrollar los talentos que Dios te ha dado? ¿Amar y sostener a tu familia? Aunque todos estos llamados pueden ser verdad para nosotros, con frecuencia no reconocemos que nuestro llamado o vocación más profunda, es dar gloria a Dios que nos crea, nos salva y nos santifica. En la Primera Carta a los Corintios Pablo nos exhorta a “hacerlo todo para gloria de Dios”. La persona que hizo esto mejor que cualquier otro fue Cristo. Entonces no nos sorprende que Pablo también nos diga que sigamos “el ejemplo de Cristo”.

¿Cómo le dio Jesús gloria a Dios? Él no buscó su “propio interés, sino el de todos para que se salven”. El Evangelio de hoy nos da un ejemplo retador de la vida de Jesús. Jesús salva a un leproso del estigma y el sufrimiento de la lepra. Más tarde el leproso regresa jubiloso a la comunidad y les cuenta a todos la buena noticia de lo que Jesús hizo por él. Como resultado Jesús descubre que ahora él experimenta la exclusión que el leproso había conocido una vez. Él ya no puede “entrar públicamente en el pueblo” y tiene que andar “por las afueras, en lugares apartados”.

IMITADORES DE CRISTO

La mayoría de nosotros probablemente nunca curará a un leproso ni a otro enfermo. ¿Cómo, entonces, podemos imitar al Cristo que realizó tales maravillas? Somos llamados a dar gloria a Dios usando nuestros propios dones con valor y generosidad, como lo hizo Jesús. Somos llamados a buscar no nuestro “propio interés sino el de todos”, arriesgando nuestro propio orgullo, nuestra posición, nuestro tiempo, nuestro dinero, o nuestros placeres, por el bien común. Somos llamados a decir a todo el mundo la buena noticia de lo que Cristo hace por nosotros, y por medio de nosotros, cada día.

Entonces todo lo que hagamos será para gloria de Dios.

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

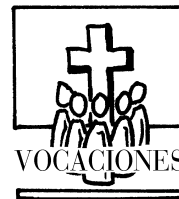
Domingo Pasado: \$7392.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1965.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6261.66

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!



Llamado Por Nombre

Un Proceso de Invitación
A Las Vocaciones En La Iglesia

El 1 de Febrero del 2012, la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Brooklyn implemento un nuevo programa titulado, “**LLAMADO POR NOMBRE,**” para poder alcanzar a todos aquellos hombres y mujeres que están considerando una vocación al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada. Si usted conoce a alguien, un familiar, uno de nuestros feligreses, o un amigo, que este interesado en la Vocación Católica, y desea tener más información, por favor complete una de las tarjetas que se encuentran en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia y deposítela en la canasta de la ofrenda, envíela por correo o tráigala a la rectoría. También puede hablar con uno de los miembros del Comité de Las Vocaciones; Joyce George, Olivia Hernandez, Zoila Herrera, Joanne Murray o Estebana Niño.

También encontrara en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia un folleto que explica algunas de las cualidades deseables en un candidato al sacerdocio, al diaconado o la vida religiosa.

Por favor oren por los hombres y mujeres nominados de nuestra parroquia, para que puedan apreciar esta bendición y puedan responder al llamado del Señor.

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 Palettero y Limpia Bota.