

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



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PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Michael C. Moss
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Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16
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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
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Lillian Virginia Roundtree
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PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

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

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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.

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 12—St. Agatha*

12:10 pm – Children of the Parish

5:00 pm – Vocations

7:30 pm – Jose Ramos (dec)

Alexander Ramos (dec)

*Sunday, February 13**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish

9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Lorenzo Bernardez (dec)

Victorina Nuñez (dec)

Bernarda Meda (dec)

11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes

Bonifacia Rivera (dec)

1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)

Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

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

8:00 am – Married couples

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

Tuesday, February 15

8:00 am – Lunecia Abella (birthday)

12:10 pm – Safety for those serving in the Armed Forces

Wednesday, February 16

8:00 am – Josephine Tuccio (birthday)

12:10 pm – For the children of St. Mary's School

Thursday, February 17

9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations

12:10 pm – Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday, February 18

12:10 pm – For the children of the parish

7:30 pm – For the sick and the homebound

Saturday, February 19

12:10 pm – Kathleen Kelly (dec)

5:00 pm – Ronald J. Zogby (dec)

James P. Mc Cabe Jr. (dec)

7:30 pm – Emma De Paz (dec)

*Sunday, February 20**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish

9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Marva Taylor (dec)

Washington Cragwell (dec)

11:30 am – Eugenio Fernando Araugo (dec)

1:15 pm – James Sugrue (dec)

Joselito De La Cruz (dec)

**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 CollectionWeekend of 2-5 & 2-6 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Religious Ed Support	Total Collection
5:00 PM	63	26	\$637.11	39	\$281.00	\$918.11
7:30 PM	312	48	\$670.00	15	\$147.00	\$817.00
8:15 AM	167	98	\$1,362.40	24	\$205.00	\$1,567.40
9:45 AM	167	81	\$1,221.83	31	\$228.57	\$1,450.40
11:30 AM	464	98	\$1,264.50	55	\$439.05	\$1,703.55
1:15 PM	212	56	\$1,105.82	22	\$216.25	\$1,322.07
Totals	1385	407	\$6,261.66	186	\$1,516.87	\$7,778.53

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5795.97**(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**Weekday Readings**

Sun * Sir 15:15-20 *Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18, 33-34 * Mt 5:17-37
Mon * Gn 4:1-15,25 * Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 * Mk 8:11-13
Tues * Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5 * Ps 129:1a,2,3ac-4 * Mk 8:14-21
Wed * Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 * Ps 166:12-15, 18-19 * Mk 8:22-26
Thurs * Gn 9:1-13 * Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29 * Mk 8:27-33
Fri * Gn 11:1-9 * Ps 33:10-15 * Mk 8:34-9:1
Sat * Heb 11:1-7 * Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 * Mk 9:2-13

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.

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.

**Pray for ...**

Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yopez, Pedro Bonilla, Lucinda Staten, Kathleen Briza, Michael Wanser, Shane Keane, Liz Moskowitz, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera, Patrick Scannell, Derek Abraham, Peggi Pauguanm, Harris Mouton, Gladys Melendez, Tina Mendoza and our faithful departed.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This past week we received a letter of congratulations and thanks from the appeal.

"Enclosed is your parish's Annual Catholic Appeal distribution in the amount of \$16,446. Please share our sincerest gratitude to your staff, your appeal team and the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude for all they did to make the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal a success."

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FREEDOM AND PRIVACY

In 1948 the free world was shocked by the trial of József Cardinal Mindszenty. The man who had valiantly withstood Nazi and communist oppression in his native Hungary pleaded guilty to the charges of treason brought against him by the communist regime. But he was clearly a broken man. Somehow that brave, independent spirit had been overcome, but only at the cost of destroying the person. To invade the personal center of another human being is the ultimate act of violence. Each individual has a privacy that is his or hers and that cannot rightly be invaded. No human being may take away that privacy from another.

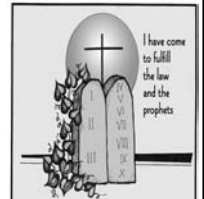
Privacy is not just something to be enjoyed. Privacy means more than the right to unplug the telephone and shut the door and not be bothered by anybody. The other side of the coin, however, is our personal responsibility for our life. No one can take that responsibility for us. Even if we choose to hand over responsibility for our life totally to another, that is itself a deeply personal act.

GOD AND LORD

Only God is Lord. The Creator alone can touch us gently at the deepest core of our being. God does not invade us from outside to break down our resistances and rob us of our freedom, as a human tyrant does. The Spirit is already within, at the very heart of our being. Yielding ourselves to God is opening ourselves to that life-force that creates us and carries us on to ever fuller life. By yielding ourselves to God we do not lose ourselves or find our dignity compromised. We discover ourselves in a new and exciting way.

More than any external work that Jesus did, his power to touch and transform the human heart marks him as divine. His is not the destructive dominance that is seen too often in human beings, but the creative dominance that is God's alone. The Christian discovers that Jesus is Lord, and therefore knows him as God.

The new law of the kingdom, as we hear it proclaimed in today's Gospel, places exacting demands on the Christian. It is not merely our religious practice or external behavior that comes under its scrutiny but our inner motives and desires. Jesus calls us to do God's will not only externally but with the right intention: to love and serve the Lord and give praise to God.



NO MONEY, NO MISSION

Occasionally Catholics ask, "Why is the Church always talking about money?" They may think that the Church is wealthy and can do without the financial support of individual Catholics. If the Church were supported by government grants or special funds from the Vatican that might be true. Thanks to the separation of church and state, the Church in the United States is able to govern itself without interference from secular authorities. So the principal source of funding for the Church to perform all its ministries must be all of us. Everyone can give, though not all can give the same amount. We are called to support the Church financially in three ways. The first is with our commitment to God to support our local parish through our weekly offerings. Based upon the weekly collection, the pastor and finance council must cover all parish expenses. Our money in the collection basket ensures that we can serve and be served as Christ calls us. The second way is a donation or pledge to our diocese to fund ministries and programs that are too costly or complicated for any single parish to provide. The more we support our diocese, the more we ensure that the Church can train future priests and provide education, social services, and marriage and family services—to name but a few. The third way is through gifts that we choose to give to second collections, which benefit various causes in our parish, our diocese, or beyond. These are causes that the Church says are worthy of our support. We decide which ones we wish to support and with what amount as we are able. We, as the Body of Christ, can only fulfill our mission if there is money to pay the way. Let's all do our part, for the love of God.

Living Stewardship Now—The biblical ideal of giving money back to God is the tithe (10 percent), of which we now suggest that half go to your parish and local diocese and the rest to your favorite charities. If this amount seems impossible because, for example, you are unemployed or on a small fixed income, set an amount that works for you and try to give it regularly.



The St. Mary's & St. Gertrude's Rosarian are sponsoring a Cake & Food Sale on Sunday, Feb. 27 after the 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM and the 1:10 PM Masses.

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



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 **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary** celebration will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 2011** at Immaculate Conception Church, located at 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will begin at 11:00 A.M. **All couples celebrating 25th, 30th, 40th, and 50th anniversary** are invited to attend with their families. Registration forms are in the church entrance.

Catholic Charities has partnered with the **Fresh Air Fund**. The program is **FREE** to all participants. Children who qualify for the free lunch program is school through USDA are eligible. An application must be completed, submitted and then reviewed by Fresh Air Fund. Awards for camp are first come, first serve. Applications process begins now through May. **Onsite at Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens North Community Center 1st Tuesday of the month, will be a Fresh Air Fund Liaison to assist with application process from 9:30-noon. For information, please call 718-217-1238.**

Do you or someone you know attend **YORK OR LA GUARDIA COLLEGE**? Do you know if faith and reason are compatible? Are you looking for meaning and direction in your life?

You are not alone—become part of college students following the Lord!

Contact: Fr. Martin—Catholic Chaplain,
Phone: 347-261-4406
E-mail: mesguerra@dobmail.org



Saint Columba Church
Ladies' Guild
Annual Card Party
"Raffle Mania"
Friday, March 25, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
Monsignor Jolley Hall
2245 Kimball Street
Between Avenues U and V
Donation: \$15

For reservations call Rose at 718627-4247

The Catholic Tour a 30 year old pilgrimage Apostolate is please to announce pilgrimages now available to the Beatification of Pope John Paul II in Rome, Italy on May 1, 2010. Please call 1-877-627-4268 to free before the signing deadline of February 20, 2011 in order to secure your place to this momentous event.

Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

March 24-April 1, 2011
(optional extension to Egypt)

Only 20 seat available

For a brochure call:

The Pilgrimage Office 718-965-7313
Or email: Pilgrimages@rcdob.org

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)

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$7778.53****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5795.97****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!

**Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****LIBERTAD Y PRIVACIDAD**

En 1948 el mundo libre se estremeció con el juicio del cardenal József Mindszenty. El hombre que se había resistido valientemente a la opresión nazista y comunista en su Hungría natal se declaró culpable de todos los cargos de traición de los que el régimen comunista lo acusaba. Pero era, claramente, un hombre destrozado. De alguna manera, ese espíritu valiente e independiente había sido vencido, pero sólo a costa de destrozarse a la persona. Invadir lo más central de una persona es el acto supremo de violencia. Cada persona posee una privacidad propia, la cual nadie tiene el derecho de invadir. Ningún ser humano debe quitarle esa privacidad a otro.

La privacidad no es sólo para ser disfrutada. La privacidad significa más que desconectar el teléfono y cerrar la puerta para que nadie me moleste. Al otro lado de la moneda está nuestra responsabilidad personal por nuestra vida. Nadie más puede hacerse cargo de esa responsabilidad. Aun si optamos por darle a otro totalmente la responsabilidad por nuestra vida, ése ha de ser un acto profundamente personal.

DIOS Y SEÑOR

Solamente Dios es Señor. Dios solo puede llegar suavemente hasta lo más profundo de nuestro ser. Dios no nos invade desde afuera para destrozarnos nuestras resistencias y robarnos nuestra libertad como lo haría un tirano humano. El Espíritu ya se encuentra dentro de nosotros, en el mero centro de nuestro ser. Rendirnos ante Dios y abrirnos a esa fuerza vivificante que nos crea y nos conduce hacia una vida más plena. Al rendirnos ante Dios no nos perdemos ni ponemos en juego nuestra dignidad, sino que nos descubrimos a nosotros mismos de una manera nueva y apasionante.

Más que ninguna otra obra externa de Jesús, lo que distingue su divinidad es su poder de llegar a nuestro corazón y transformarlo. No hay en Jesús el dominio destructivo que existe tan a menudo en los seres humanos, sino el dominio creativo que es sólo de Dios. El cristiano descubre que Jesús es el Señor y consecuentemente lo conoce como Dios.

La nueva ley del reino, como lo escuchamos proclamar en el evangelio de hoy, pone exigencias rigurosas en el cristiano. No son meramente nuestras prácticas religiosas y nuestros comportamientos externos lo que se pone bajo escrutinio, sino más bien nuestros motivos y deseos. Jesús nos llama a hacer la voluntad de Dios, no sólo externamente, sino con la intención correcta: para amar y servir al Señor y dar alabanza a Dios.

CAMPAÑA ANUAL CATOLICA

Esta semana pasada recibimos una carta de agradecimiento de la Campaña Anual Católica que dice:

"Adjunto encontrará la distribución de la campaña a su parroquia por la cantidad de \$16,446.

Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento al personal de la parroquia, al equipo de la campaña y a los feligreses de la Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis por todo su apoyo y por hacer de la Campaña Anual Católica 2010 todo un éxito.

**SIN DINERO NO HAY MISIÓN**

Ocasionalmente los católicos preguntan: "¿Por qué la Iglesia siempre está hablando de dinero?" En los Estados Unidos la Iglesia se administra a sí misma sin interferencia ni apoyo del gobierno; por tanto, todo el dinero necesario para los ministerios eclesiales tiene que venir de nosotros. Nuestro llamado incluye el apoyo económico a la Iglesia de tres maneras. La primera es mediante nuestra ofrenda semanal, que se usa para los gastos de la parroquia. El dinero que ponemos en la colecta hace posible que podamos servir y ser servidos, tal como nos pide Cristo. La segunda manera es a través de nuestras contribuciones a la diócesis a fin de que puedan costearse los ministerios y programas que son demasiado costosos o complicados para que una parroquia pueda ofrecerlos por sí sola, como por ejemplo, el entrenamiento del clero, servicios educativos y sociales, y los ministerios de matrimonio y de índole familiar. La tercera manera es por medio de las segundas colectas que benefician las obras justas de la parroquia, la diócesis y más allá de ambas. Nosotros decidimos cuáles y con qué dinero queremos apoyar. Como Cuerpo de Cristo, nosotros podemos hacer nuestra misión sólo en la medida en que haya dinero para proveer las necesidades. Por el amor de Dios, hagamos nuestra parte.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora—Según la Biblia, lo ideal que podemos ofrecer a Dios de lo que primero nos ha dado es el diezmo (10 por ciento), lo cual en nuestros días se sugiere que la mitad sea para la parroquia y diócesis, y la otra mitad se destine a nuestras obras de caridad preferidas. Si esa cantidad no te es posible debido, por ejemplo, a estar desempleado o a tener una entrada baja, piensa en una cantidad razonable para ti y trata de ofrecerla regularmente.

El Grupo del Rosario tendrá una venta de comida y biscochos el domingo 27 de Febrero después de las misas de las 9:45 AM, 11:30 A.M. y la 1:10 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.