

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



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PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Michael C. Moss
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero
Deacon 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

TRUSTEES:

Miguel Jimenez
Lillian Virginia Rountree

PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, Ext. 25

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Dr. Emy Punsalan, RCIA
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Ms. Carmen Macfie, CCD
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 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 - Peter Winkler (healing)
 9:45 am - Mass available
 11:30 am - Selina Talavera (recuperación)
 Familia Ortiz Rivera (dec)
 Ismael Eduardo Quiñones (dec)
 Pascual Rivas (dec)
 Victor Alfonso Argueta (cumpleaños)
 Keith Yasir Nolasco (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm - Mass available

Monday, February 18, 2013

9:00 am - Adam Jole (healing)

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

12:10 pm - Thomas Valentine (healing)
 Kathleen Kelly (dec)

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, February 21, 2013 - St. Peter Damian

12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, February 22, 2013 - St. Peter the Apostle

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

Saturday, February 23, 2013 - St. Polycarp

12:10 pm - Beginning March 2 this Mass will no longer take place
 5:00 pm - Mass available
 7:30 pm - Julian Rivas (dec)

Sunday, February 24, 2013 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Peter Winkler (healing)
 9:45 am - Augustina Bernandez (dec)
 11:30 am - Patricia Chanona (dec)
 Ismael Eduardo Quiñones (dec)
 Gisselle Ramirez (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm - Mass available

The Charismatic Prayer Meeting in English will resume meetings on Tuesday, February 26th in the rectory basement from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.



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 - \$4368.00
Second Collection- \$1466.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4340.00

(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, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed, especially Silvia Sanchez Blanco.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Dt 26:4-10 * Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 * Lk 4:1-13
Mon * Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 * Ps 19:8-10, 15 * Mt 25:31-46
Tues * Is 55:10-11 * Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 * Mt 6:7-15
Wed * Jon 3:1-10 * Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 * Lk 11:29-32
Thurs * Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 * Ps 138:1-3, 7-8 * Mt 7:7-12
Fri * 1 Pt 5:1-4 * Ps 23:1-6 * Mt 16:13-19
Sat * Dt 26:16-19 * Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 * Mt 5:43-48

Altar Server Assignments for Feb. 23 & 24, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM – Kevin Robles, Jude Ikhalea
 Sat. 7:30 PM – Jeison Fernandez, Evin Flores, Jossabeth Castaneda
 Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques Mathieu, Adaora Madubuko
 Sun. 9:45 – Joseph Santizo, Alexis Small
 Sun. 11:30 AM –Dennys Castillo, Miguel Garcia, Alejandra Zarate
 Sun. 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Lisa Deryce

Trip to the Divine Mercy Shrine! – St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude invite you to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7, 2013. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Departure time 6:00 A.M. For more information call 718-440-1328.



OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed all day Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents' Day. The Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M.

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



First Sunday of Lent

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Each of the scriptures for the First Sunday of Lent contains some sort of confessional statement. As we enter into the season of Lent these texts focus our attention on our own choice to place our trust in God. They help the elect prepare to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized at the Easter Vigil. They remind the rest of us of the faith we once professed in baptism and invite us to choose wholeheartedly to renew those baptismal promises at the Masses of Easter.

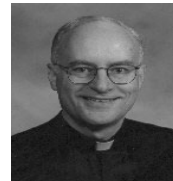
Today's first reading is considered one of the most important professions of faith in the Hebrew Bible. By ritually reciting their history, the Jewish people expressed their faith in one God who oversees all of human history and who will continue to gather, save, and sustain every new generation of the Chosen People. The reading from Paul's letter to the Romans shows that the heart of the Christian profession of faith is trust in the Lordship of the risen Christ, source of all salvation. The Gospel contains the familiar story of the temptation of Jesus by the devil, the setting for Jesus' threefold profession of faith and trust in God.

DAY BY DAY

At Easter, throughout Lent, and every day of our lives we are to profess and live our faith that "Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). Both Moses and Jesus tell us that we are to serve God alone. God chooses us as adopted children in baptism. Day by day we must choose to trust in God to save us, as Jesus did in the desert. During Lent God asks us to scrutinize every choice we make, so that at Easter we can truthfully "confess with [our] mouth that Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). With those who have chosen to be baptized this Easter, we must choose to put our faith in God rather than material goods, power, or any other devilish temptation.

The **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary** celebration will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2013** 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.

*Please come out to welcome our new
Auxiliary Bishop to our Parish*
Most Reverend Raymond F. Chappetto, D. D.
will visit us for a "Year of Faith" Lenten celebration,
Stations of the Cross for vocations



Tuesday, February 26, 2013

7:30 PM

at

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church
1920 New Haven Avenue
Far Rockaway, NY

**All are welcome; please show the hospitality of our
parish by coming out to welcome our new bishop.**



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

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.

Prayer for the "Year of Faith"

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear; things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving just as God has forgiven you in Christ. Ephesians 4:29-32

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.



**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 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.

Patron Saint of Blacks and Mixed Races

Saint Martin de Porres, was born in Lima Peru and canonized in 1962 as a saint by Pope John Paul 23rd, even though he was he was never ordained a priest due to his race. He championed the causes of the Spanish, Indians and Blacks. He established an orphanage and a children's hospital for the poor.

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, and \$8,671.00 was 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

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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4368.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1466.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4340.00

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!

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 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.

Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invitan al Santuario Nacional de la Divina Misericordia en Massachusetts el domingo, 7 de Abril del 2013. El costo es \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para mas información favor llamar al 718-440-1328.

DIA DE LOS PRESIDENTES—La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada el Lunes 18 de Febrero en observación del Día de los Presidentes. La Misa será a las 9:00 A.M.



Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

PROFESIÓN DE FE

Cada una de las lecturas para el Primer Domingo de Cuaresma contiene alguna forma de confesión de fe. Cuando entramos en el tiempo de Cuaresma, estos textos enfocan nuestra atención hacia la propia decisión de poner toda la confianza en Dios. También ayudan a los Elegidos a prepararse para profesar su fe en Jesucristo, y para ser bautizados en la Vigilia Pascual. Y a los ya bautizados, estas lecturas nos recuerdan la fe que profesamos en nuestro bautismo, y nos invitan a renovar con todo el corazón esas promesas en las misas del Domingo de Pascua.

La primera lectura de hoy se considera una de las más importantes profesiones de fe en el Antiguo Testamento. Al recitar su propia historia en forma de rito, el pueblo judío expresaba su fe en el único Dios que vela sobre toda la historia de la humanidad, y que continuará reuniendo, salvando y sosteniendo a cada nueva generación del Pueblo Escogido. La lectura de la carta de san Pablo a los romanos nos muestra que el corazón de la fe cristiana que profesamos es la confianza en que Cristo Resucitado es el Señor, la fuente de toda salvación. El Evangelio nos narra la conocida historia de la tentación de Cristo por el demonio, que es el marco para la triple profesión de fe y la absoluta confianza en su Padre que hoy hace Jesús.

DÍA A DÍA

En la Pascua, durante la Cuaresma y cada día de nuestra vida, somos llamados a profesar y a vivir nuestra fe en que "Jesús es el Señor" (Romanos 10:9). Moisés y Jesús nos dicen que tenemos que adorar y servir a Dios, y a nadie más. Dios nos escoge como sus hijos e hijas por adopción en nuestro bautismo. Día a día tenemos que decidimos a confiar que Dios nos salva, tal como confió Jesús en el desierto. En este tiempo de Cuaresma Dios nos pide que escudriñemos nuestras decisiones, para que en Pascua podamos de veras proclamar con nuestra boca "que Jesús es el Señor" (Romanos 10:9). Junto a los que han tomado la decisión de bautizarse en esta Pascua, nosotros también debemos hacer la decisión de poner nuestra fe en Dios y no en los bienes materiales o en el poder; ni dejarnos disuadir por ninguna tentación diabólica.

NOCHE DE PREDICACIÓN CON EL PREDICADOR SALVADOR GOMEZ

La Parroquia de Santa María los invita a una noche de predicación con el Predicador Salvador Gomez el Viernes 22 de Marzo del 2013 a las 7:30 PM. Donación por persona \$5.00.



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 del Año de la Fe

Que no salgan de su boca palabras groseras; si algo dicen, que sea bueno, edificante, oportuno y provechoso para quienes les escuchan. Y no causen tristeza al Espíritu Santo de Dios, que es como un sello impreso en ustedes para distinguirlos el día de liberación. Que desaparezca de entre ustedes todo rencor, ira, indignación, injurias y toda clase de maldad. Sean más bien bondadosos y compasivos los unos con los otros, perdónense mutuamente, como Dios les ha perdonado por medio de Cristo. Efesios 4:29-32

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).

Santo Patrono de personas de color y otras razas

San Martín de Porres, nació en Lima, Perú en 1962 y canonizado santo por el Papa Juan Pablo 23, a pesar de que nunca fue ordenado sacerdote debido a su raza. Defendió la causa de los indios españoles y mulatos. Estableció un orfanato y un hospital infantil para los pobres.

RETIRO DE CUARESMA— Para Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, Ujieres y Coro en el Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, el Sábado 23 de Marzo del 2013 de 9:00am a 3:30pm en Douglaston. Valor \$25 incluyendo almuerzo. Favor de comunicarse con Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

