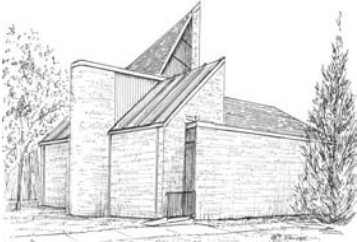


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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PASTOR:

Rev. Fulgencio Gutierrez, Ext. 22

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

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496
Dr. Emy Punsalan, RCIA
Ms. Estabana Nino, RICA
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 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)
 Leandro Rodriguez (dec)

Sunday, February 24, 2013 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Peter Winkler (healing)
 Maureen Igharosa (birthday)
 Francis & Gloria Ikhalea - Thanksgiving
 9:45 am - Augustina Bernandez (dec)
 Cornelia Espinal (dec)
 Por las almas del Purgatorio
 11:30 am - Patricia Chanona (dec)
 Ismael Eduardo Quiñones (dec)
 Gisselle Ramirez (cumpleaños)
 Rosa Veas Araya (dec)
 Silvia Sanchez Blanco (dec)
 Presentacion del bebe Adrian Luis Aguinarga
 1:15 pm - Mass available

Monday, February 25, 2013

9:00 am - Mass available

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, February 28, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, March 1, 2013

12:10 pm - Frank, Mildred & Nick Cavallo
 Brenda Meehan (dec)
 7:30 pm - Zoila Yopez (dec)

Saturday, March 2, 2013

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

Sunday, March 3, 2013 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Angeline Pandolfo
 Joanne Murray - Thanksgiving
 John & Patricia Gannon (dec)
 9:45 am - Mass available
 11:30 am - Carmela De La Cruz (dec)
 1:15 pm - Mass available

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick and Our Faithful Departed
 Laura Clarke, Sylvia Rodriguez,
 Dorothy Dumb, Kathleen Briza, Emilia
 Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, Carmen Garces and our faithful
 departed, especially Silvia Sanchez Blanco.

**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 - \$7045.00
Second Collection- \$1627.00

First Collection Last Year: \$5061.00

(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.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 * Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14 * Lk 9:28-36
Mon * Dn 9:4-10 * Ps 79:8-9, 11,13 * Lk 6:36-38
Tues * Is 1:10, 16-20 * Ps 50:8-9,16-17, 21, 23 * Mt 23:1-12
Wed * Jer 18:18-20 * Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 * Mt 20:17-28
Thurs * Jer 17:5-10 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Lk 16:19-31
Fri *Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 * Ps105:16-21 * Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat * Mt 7:14-15, 18-20 * Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 * Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Altar Server Assignments for March 2 & 3, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM – Bianca Salonga, Christian Rodriguez
 Sat. 7:30 PM – Miguel Garcia, Michelle Martinez, Axel Lopez
 Sun. 8:15 AM – Gabriele Forbes-Bennett, Chibuikem Chukwu,
 Iziegbeuwa Odia
 Sun. 9:45 – Joseph Santizo, Kimora George
 Sun. 11:30 AM-Osvaldo Flores, Even Flores, Sebastian Rosas
 Sun. 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Christina Gonsalves,
 Charisma Gonsalves

LENTEN PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
 we are bound to You through
 love, faith and trust.
 We are committed to proclaim
 the message of the Gospel
 and promised to You for eternity.
 During this Year of Faith,
 turn our eyes, our hearts, and
 our hands to You.
 Strengthen our personal faith and
 renew our conversion to a life
 dedicated to you. Amen



Second Sunday of Lent

TRANSFIGURATION

Have you had an experience that caused you to see someone in a completely new light? Perhaps you saw your daughter in cap and gown at her graduation. Perhaps your brother held his newborn baby in his arms. Perhaps your father performed an unexpected act of compassion, or your mother revealed courage that had previously been hidden from you. You may have been tongue-tied, not knowing how to relate to the person who had been transfigured before your very eyes. In the Gospel today the disciples of Jesus see him in a completely new light. His face is “changed in appearance” and they don’t know what to say or do. Before the disciples can respond appropriately to Jesus they must learn to believe their eyes and ears—that Jesus is the “chosen Son” of God.

REAL PRESENCE

We also need to learn to believe our eyes and ears if we are to respond appropriately to Christ. In the second reading today Paul urges us to imitate him. Paul, who once saw Jesus in a wholly negative light, experienced the real presence of the risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Gradually he learned to believe that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God, and it changed his whole life. Paul began to imitate the Christ he preached. In this way Christ was transfiguring Paul “to conform with his glorified body.”

The season of Lent invites us to believe more deeply in the Real Presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharist. When experienced through the eyes and ears of faith, an ordinary community, mere words, simple bread and wine are transfigured before our eyes—and so are we. Little by little we learn how to respond to the chosen Son of God in whom we believe. The more we believe, the more Christ will do in us what he did in Paul and Peter, John and James. He will transfigure us into the real presence of Christ for the world.

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 26

For Vocations with BISHOP CHAPPETTO

Preceded by Holy Rosary for Vocations

March 4

For SPIRITUAL Healing ...Scriptural Readings

March 12

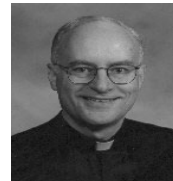
The Way of the Cross with Mary the Mother of Jesus

March 19

For a Deeper Understanding of the Paschal Mystery

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”

Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him. As we have shared much in the sufferings of Christ, so through Christ do we share abundantly in his consolation. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

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



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.

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

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.



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.

Patroness of the Environment and Ecology

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (also known as "Lily of the Mohawks"), a Native-American of Mohawk-Algonquin descent born in New York, was canonized a saint By Pope Benedict 16th on October 21, 2012. She converted to Christianity at a young age. She was devoted to the catholic Church and she vowed a life of celibacy. She died of smallpox at the age of 24.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7045.00
Segunda Colecta: \$1627.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5061.00

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!

DAY OF RECOVERY AND RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Charities cordially invited you to attend a "Day of Recovery and Relief Services" for those impacted by Super Storm Sandy, Presented through a combined effort with Catholic Migration Services, Queens Congregations United for Action and Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens.


Come learn more about....

- Access to Free Legal Aid
- Learn how to advocate for public policy changes
- Access to Disaster Case Management
- Access to Free affordable Health Care
- On site Crisis Counseling

**Sunday, March 3rd 2013
10 am—3 pm**

**St. Mary Star of the Sea School Auditorium
(Peninsula Prep Academy)
1920 New Haven Ave/
Far Rockaway, NY**

For more information please contact Queens Community Center at 718-726-9790.

Acompañemos...  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.

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.

**NOCHE DE PREDICACIÓN
CON EL PREDICADOR SALVADOR GOMEZ**

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.



Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

TRANSFIGURACIÓN

¿Has tenido alguna vez una experiencia que te haya hecho ver a una persona bajo una luz totalmente distinta? Tal vez cuando viste a tu hija con su toga y su birrete el día de su graduación. O a tu hermano sosteniendo en brazos a su bebé recién nacido. Quizás tu padre realizó algún acto inesperado de compasión, o tu madre demostró una valentía que tú nunca habías visto en ella. Es posible que te hayas sentido tímido, sin saber cómo dirigirte a esa persona que acababa de transfigurarse ante tus ojos. En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos de Jesús lo ven bajo una luz completamente nueva. Su rostro “cambió de aspecto” y los discípulos no sabían qué hacer o decir. Antes de que éstos puedan responderle apropiadamente a Jesús, deben aprender a creer con sus ojos y oídos que Jesús es el “Hijo elegido” de Dios.

PRESENCIA REAL

También nosotros necesitamos aprender a creer lo que ven nuestros ojos y escuchan nuestros oídos si queremos responderle apropiadamente a Cristo. En la segunda lectura de hoy, Pablo nos urge a imitarlo. Pablo, el que en un tiempo veía a Jesús bajo una luz totalmente negativa, experimentó la presencia real del Señor resucitado camino a Damasco. Gradualmente, fue aprendiendo a creer que Jesús es el Señor, el Hijo de Dios, y eso cambió toda su vida. Pablo empezó a imitar al Cristo que proclamaba. De este modo, Cristo fue transfigurando a Pablo “en un cuerpo glorioso, semejante al suyo”. El tiempo de Cuaresma nos invita a creer más profundamente en la Presencia Real del Señor resucitado en la Eucaristía. Una humilde comunidad, unas meras palabras, el pan y el vino cotidianos se transfiguran ante nuestros ojos, cuando lo experimentamos todo con los ojos y oídos de la fe –y nosotros, a su vez, también somos transfigurados. Poco a poco vamos aprendiendo cómo responder al Hijo elegido de Dios en quien creemos. Y mientras más creamos, más obrará Cristo en nosotros como lo hizo con Pablo, Pedro, Juan y Santiago. El mismo Señor nos transfigurará en presencia real de Cristo para el mundo.

ORACION PARA LA CUARESMA

Señor Jesucristo, estamos unidos a ti por el amor, fe y confianza.
 Nos comprometemos a proclamar el mensaje del Evangelio y nos entregamos a Ti por toda la eternidad.
 Durante este Año de la Fe, vuelve nuestros ojos, nuestros corazones y nuestras manos hacia Ti
 Fortalece nuestra fe personal y renueva nuestra conversión a una vida dedicada a Ti amén



AÑO DE LA FE 2012

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

Bendito sea Dios, Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Padre misericordioso y Dios de todo consuelo. El es el que nos conforta en todos nuestro sufrimientos, para que, gracias al consuelo que recibimos de Dios, podamos nosotros confortar a todos los que sufren. Porque si es cierto que abundan en nosotros los padecimientos de Cristo, no es menos cierto que Cristo nos llena de consuelo. 2 corintios 1:3-5

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.

DÍA DE SERVICIOS DE RECUPERACIÓN Y AUXILIO

Caridades Católicas cordialmente los invita a asistir a un "Día de Servicio de Recuperación y Auxilio" para todos aquellos afectados por la gran tormenta Sandy, presentado por los esfuerzo conjunto con los Servicios Católicos de migración, Queens Congregaciones Unidas por Acción y Caridades Católica de Brooklyn y Queens.

Venga y aprenda más sobre

- Acceso a asistencia judicial gratuita
- Aprenda a abogar por los cambios en las políticas
- Acceso a la administración de casos de desastres
- Acceso a Cuidado Medico gratuito
- Consejería de Crisis

Domingo, 3 de marzo 2013

10 am—3 pm

**En el auditorio de la escuela Santa María Estrella del Mar
 (Península Prep Academy)
 1920 New Haven Ave /
 Far Rockaway, NY**

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con el Centro Comunitario de Queens al 718-726-9790.