

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



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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.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24.

SCHOOL:

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595 B. 19th St., Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691
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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 26*

- 12:10 pm – For the children of St. Mary's School
 5:00 pm – Married Couples
 7:30 pm – Juana Elba Gomez Duran (dec)

*Sunday, February 27**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Antonio Alzate (dec)
 Por las Almas del Purgatorio
 Jose Crespo (dec)
 Agustina Bernandez (dec)
 Mauricio Bernandez (dec)
 Deacon Eddie Montero (Birthday)
 11:30 am – Elizabeth Zeising (dec)
 Sanación de los niños Villarman
 1:15 pm – Gabriel, Herson & Walderman Rivera (dec)
 Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Monday, February 28

- 8:00 am – For the children of the Parish
 12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound

Tuesday, March 1

- 8:00 am – Brenda Meehan (dec)
 12:10 pm – Safety for those serving in the Armed Forces

Wednesday, March 2

- 8:00 am – Deceased members of the Parish
 12:10 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
 12:10 pm – Joanne Murray (birthday)
 Angeline Pandolfo
 Grace Abella Sichani (dec)

Friday, March 4—St. Casimir

- 12:10 pm – Grace Abella Sichani (dec)
 7:30 pm – Carmela Morales de la Cruz (dec)

Saturday, March 5

- 12:10 pm – Grace Abella Sichani (dec)
 5:00 pm – Andrew Sichani (birthday)
 John Schiavone (dec)
 7:30 pm – Gladys Martinez Caffyn (dec)

*Sunday, March 6**Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude)
 11:30 am – Grace Abella Sichani (dec)
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

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 2-19 & 2-20 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Maintenance	Total Collection
5:00 PM	72	26	\$501.91	12	\$147.90	\$649.81
7:30 PM	217	30	\$318.50	18	\$173.47	\$491.97
8:15 AM	136	59	\$1,556.25	29	\$218.95	\$1,775.20
9:45 AM	197	53	\$555.30	28	\$179.49	\$734.79
11:30 AM	525	120	\$1,263.56	75	\$528.60	\$1,792.16
1:15 PM	193	38	\$794.80	15	\$148.34	\$943.14
Totals	1340	326	\$4,990.32	177	\$1,396.75	\$6,387.07

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$4801.85

(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 * Is 49:14-15 * Ps 62:2-3, 6-9 * Mt 6:24-34

Mon * Sir 17:20-24 * Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 * Mk 10:17-27

Tues * Sir 35:1-12 * Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 * Mk 10:28-31

Wed * Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 * Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 * Mk 10:32-45

Thurs * Sir 42:15-25 * Ps 32:2-9 * Mk 10:46-52

Fri * Sir 44:1, 9-13 * Ps 149:1-6a, 9b * Mk 11:11-26


Sat * Sir 51:12c-20 * Ps 19:8-11 * Mk 11:27-33

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 Yepez, Pedro Bonilla, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera, Patrick Scannell, Derek Abraham, Peggi Pauguanm, Harris Mouton, Gladys Melendez, Tina Mendoza, Auddie Naraine and our faithful departed.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE TODAY FULLY

There is an old saying that life is what happens to us while we are busy making other plans. How often do the people and events of today pass unnoticed because we are preoccupied with concerns about the future?

Sometimes after a death in a family, one hears the survivors lament all that they did not do for the deceased. "I was so busy with my career plans, I never spent time with her." "I put so much energy into establishing my place in the community, I forgot he was lonesome."

One would suppose that the birds in the sky do not spend a great deal of time mapping out a lifetime flight plan. They seem to fly where they need to go today, trusting that that will eventually bring them where they must be tomorrow and next winter. Similarly, the wildflowers do not appear to bemoan their plot of earth or jockey for position. Rather, each accepts the sun and rain given it today and grows, imperceptibly perhaps, but beautifully.

I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU

It is a wonderful gift for someone to say, "I will never forget you!" We want to be remembered, to have made a lasting difference. Perhaps some of our anxiety about what we will wear and what we will accomplish tomorrow can be traced to this desire. "Will anyone remember me?" "Will I contribute anything of lasting value?"

In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah, our God says: "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). Before we ever see tomorrow, before we ever achieve any of our lofty goals, God declares us eternally valuable and unforgettable.



WHOSE WORLD?

Traditionally, a steward is a highly trusted manager of a household, a farm, or a landed estate: a person who has responsibility for many things and is expected to act independently and ably without the need for micromanaging from the owner. Today's second reading says that a steward must be trustworthy, yet however well a steward does his job and for however many years, he never becomes the owner of what he manages. You may believe that you own a lot of things: a house and its contents, a car, computer, cell phone, land or property, a business, stocks, and mutual funds. Do you really own any of it? If you did, you could take it with you when you die. The value of anything you "own" is only as good as the value others ascribe to it. What would happen if you started looking at things, not as something to "own" but instead as things to "steward"? Think about the implications of this. If you stopped focusing on "ownership" and instead thought "stewardship," would you:

- cling less tightly to things?
- begin to think about who else can benefit from "your" stuff?
- think more about other people before yourself?

consider future generations and how you might benefit them?

The change of attitude from ownership to stewardship seems small, but if you form it into a habit it can change your thoughts, words, and actions in ways you least expect. Start by saying, "Everything that belongs to me, I will try to feel I no longer *own*; rather, I am *responsible* for it. My stuff. My relationships. My potential." The true owner and the one who judges is the Lord. God brings to light what is hidden and knows the motives of your heart. Whose world is this after all?

Living Stewardship Now

Consider making a will or updating the one you already have. Make provisions for those you love and, if you have the resources, make gifts to the Church and favorite charities that will go on giving beyond your lifetime.



LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM—Lay Ministry Program will be celebrated throughout the diocese on the weekend of March 5/6. This will be an opportunity to affirm and celebrate the many dedicated lay women and men who give tirelessly of their time and talent 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. For information contact the parish office or contact the Pastoral Institute at 718-229-8001, ext. 350 or E-mail:

PastoralInstitute@diobrook.org.



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 1:15 PM Masses at St. Gertrude's.

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

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.

BLOOD PREASURE SCREENING—St. John's Hospital will conduct blood pressure screenings here at St. Mary and St. Gertrude Parish on:

Sun. Feb. 27— 11 am to 2:30 pm

Sun. Mar. 20—11 am to 2:30 pm

Sun. April 10—11 am to 2:30 pm

ROCKAWAY LITTLE LEAGUE—Last chance to register your son or daughter for the 2011 baseball and softball season. Children who register after February 28 cannot be guaranteed a roster spot. Go to www.rockawaylitttleleagueny.com for more information.

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

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)



DOMINGO DE MINISTERIO LAICO—El Domingo de Ministerio Laico se celebra en toda la diócesis el fin de semana del 5 y 6 de Marzo. Esta será una oportunidad para afirmar y celebrar a todos los laicos dedicados—mujeres y hombres—que incansablemente dan de su tiempo y talento al servicio de los demás y a la Iglesia como ministros de la liturgia, ministros de consolación, miembros de los comités de finanzas y de los consejos pastorales, coordinadores de la formación de fe de adultos, planificadores de la liturgia y tantas otras cosas. Para información llame al Instituto Pastoral al 718-229-8001, ext. 350 o al correo electrónico: Pastorallnstitute@diobrook.org.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS
Domingo Pasado: \$6387.07
Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4801.85
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!



Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

**VIVE A PLENITUD EL DÍA
DE HOY**

Hay en la cultura anglosajona un dicho antiguo que dice algo así como que la vida es lo que nos va ocurriendo mientras nosotros estamos ocupados en hacer otros planes. ¡Cuántas veces las personas y los hechos de la actualidad nos pasan desapercibidos porque estamos ocupados y preocupados acerca del futuro!

Algunas veces, cuando muere un familiar oímos el lamento de los sobrevivientes por todo lo que no hicieron por la persona fallecida. “Estaba tan ocupado con los planes de mi carrera, que nunca pasé tiempo con ella”. “Puse tanto afán en establecerme dentro de la comunidad que se me olvidó que él se sentía solo”.

No debemos suponer que los pájaros dedican mucho tiempo a planear un itinerario de vuelo para toda la vida. Tal parece que vuelan a donde deben ir hoy, confiando en que esto los llevará a donde deben estar mañana y el próximo invierno. De una manera similar, las flores silvestres no parecen lamentar su parcela de tierra ni emplear la astucia para conseguir una posición, sino que cada una acepta el sol y la lluvia que se les da hoy para crecer; y tal vez lo hacen de una manera imperceptible pero hermosa.

NO TE OLVIDARÉ

Un regalo hermoso es decirle a alguien: “¡No te olvidaré!” Todos queremos ser recordados y haber hecho algo que marque una diferencia perdurable.

Quizás parte de nuestra ansiedad por lo que vamos a vestir o por lo que vamos a lograr mañana tenga que ver con este deseo: “¿Se acordará alguien de mí?” “¿Contribuiré con algo que tenga un valor perdurable?”

En la primera lectura de hoy tomada del profeta Isaías nuestro Dios dice: “Yo nunca me olvidaré de ti” (Isaías 49:15). Antes de llegar a ver el día de mañana, antes de lograr alguna de nuestras encumbradas metas, Dios nos declara eternamente invaluable e inolvidables.

¿A QUIÉN LE PERTENECE ESTE MUNDO?

Un buen administrador es una persona responsable—hombre o mujer—en la cual se puede confiar y de quien se puede depender sin necesidad de que el dueño tenga que estar asesorándole a cada paso. La segunda lectura de hoy dice que un administrador debe ser fiel; sin embargo, aunque el administrador haga muy bien su trabajo y por muchos años nunca se convertirá en dueño de eso que administra. Tú podrás creer que eres dueño de muchas cosas: una casa con todo sus contenidos, un coche, una computadora, un teléfono móvil, terrenos o propiedades, un negocio, acciones en una empresa y fondos de inversión colectivos. ¿De verdad es tuyo todo eso? Si así fuera, pudieras llevártelo todo cuando te murieras. El valor de cualquier cosa que “posees” tiene sólo el valor que otros le atribuyen. ¿Qué pasaría si empezaras a mirar las cosas no como algo que “posees” sino algo que “adminstras”? Piensa en las implicaciones que eso tendría. Si pensaras menos en que eres “dueño” y más en que eres “administrador” con una *corresponsabilidad* por lo que Dios te ha dado . . .

- ¿te aferrarías menos a las cosas?
 - ¿te preguntarías más a menudo quién pudiera beneficiarse de “tus” cosas?
 - ¿pensarías más en los demás antes que en ti?
- ¿considerarías cómo podrías beneficiar a las futuras generaciones?

Un cambio de actitud que piense menos como dueño y más como administrador y responsable pudiera parecer insignificante, pero si te lo propones y llegas a hacerte tal hábito puede cambiar tu manera de pensar, tus palabras y acciones de forma inesperada. Empieza por decirte: “Voy a tratar de ver todo lo que me pertenece no como *dueño* sino con una *corresponsabilidad* por lo que Dios me ha dado, ya sean mis cosas, mis relaciones, mis posibilidades”. El verdadero dueño y juez de todo es Dios. Es Dios quien saca a la luz aquello que está escondido y conoce las intenciones de tu corazón. Después de todo, ¿a quién le pertenece este mundo?

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Considera hacer un testamento o actualizar el que ya tienes. Deja provistos a aquellos que amas y, si tienes los recursos, haz alguna donación a la Iglesia y a tu obra de caridad preferida. Son legados que siguen multiplicándose dejando tu huella más allá de tu vida terrenal.

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 1:15 PM en Santa Gertrudis

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.