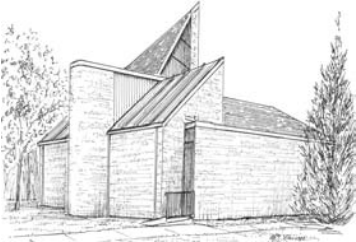


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



1920 New Haven Ave.,
Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691

Phone: (718) 327-1133
Fax: (718) 327-3276



e-mail: info@saintsmaryandgertrude.org

Website: www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org

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, March 2, 2013**

5:00 pm - Mass available
 7:30 pm - Felipe Santos (dec)
 Divino Niño—Acción de Gracias

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)
 Barbara Caceres— Acción de Gracias
 1:15 pm - Bernarda Calica (dec)

Monday, March 4, 2013 - St. Casimir

9:00 am - Mass available

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, March 7, 2013 - St. Perpetua & Felicity

12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, March 8, 2013 - St. John of God

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

Saturday, March 9, 2013—St. Frances of Rome

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, March 10, 2013 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Derrick Heron (healing)
 9:45 am - Mass available
 11:30 am - Por los sacerdotes
 1:15 pm - Mercedes Martorell (dec)

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick and Our Faithful Departed

Derrick Heron, Rosalie McAllister, Laura Clarke, Sylvia Rodriguez, Dorothy Dumb, Kathleen Briza, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, Carmen Garces and our faithful departed.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given for the **People of the Parish.**

The sanctuary candle is given for the **People of the Parish.**

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 - \$4679.00

Second Collection- \$1670.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4471.00

(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 * Ex 3:1-8, 13-15 * Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 * Lk 13:1-9

Mon * 2 Kgs 5:1-15 * Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 * Lk 4:24-30

Tues * Dn 3:25, 34-43 * Ps 25:4-9 * Mt 18:21-35

Wed * Dt 4:1, 5-9 * Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 * Mt 5:17-19

Thurs * Jer 7:23-28 * Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 * Lk 11:14-23

Fri * Hos 14:2-10 * Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17 * Mk 12:28-34

Sat * Hos 6:1-6 * Ps 51:3-4, 18-21 * Lk 18:9-14

Altar Server Assignments for March 9 & 10, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM – Kevin Robles, Jude Ikhalea

Sat. 7:30 PM – Carolena Mayorga, Aaliyah Mayorga Miranda, Carlos Lopez

Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques Mathieu, Adaora Madubuko

Sun. 9:45 AM – Joseph Santizo, Alexis Smalls

Sun. 11:30 AM - Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Ventura, Jossabeth Castaneda

Sun. 1:15 PM – Vilmar Jean-Michel, Lisa Deryce, Isaiah Brown

LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty God, guide us throughout this Lent so that all we do may be motivated by love of you and our neighbor. Through your goodness and mercy, you have given us this sacred season as an opportunity to respond more fully to the grace of our baptism. May our hearts be strengthened in faith, hope and love as we reflect on the life, death and resurrection of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, who died for us so that we might live forever with Him. Amen.



Daylight Saving Time Begins: Set your clock ahead one hour next Saturday, March 9, 2013.



Third Sunday of Lent

“HERE I AM”

The scriptures for this Sunday focus our attention on the Lenten call to conversion. When God calls Moses by name in the reading from Exodus, Moses immediately responds, “Here I am!” and comes closer. He answers God’s call even though he is afraid and confused. In a similar way Christ calls each of us by name, especially in the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist. During the season of Lent he desires above all that we will answer, “Here I am!” and come closer to him. It is all right if we are confused or afraid. It’s even all right if we haven’t really listened for his call yet this Lent. Today’s scriptures give us a second chance to listen for Jesus’ call, to come closer to his voice, and to move farther away from sin in our lives.

BEARING FRUIT

How can we tell when we are responding to Jesus’ call? For that we look to the metaphor of the fig tree in today’s Gospel parable. Through the sacraments, the scriptures, and the Christian community, Jesus Christ—the gardener—has been cultivating the ground around us and fertilizing us in the hope that we will bear good fruit. Will we? Are we barren because our root system doesn’t grow deep enough to tap into real spiritual nourishment? Is our growth stunted by choices we are making? Is our energy channeled into our healthy, flowering branches, or sapped by a hundred scrawny shoots? Do we turn in on ourselves and prevent the light of the Son from ripening what little fruit we bear? While the elect who are preparing for baptism scrutinize their lives to discover how Christ is calling them to conversion, all of us must scrutinize our lives as well. Those who are listening for Jesus’ call and turning to the sound of his voice will bear succulent fruit so the hungry can eat their fill.



Parish of St Mary Star of the Sea & St Gertrude

STATIONS
of The Cross

2013 Holy Season of Lent

7:00PM TUESDAY EVENINGS
PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 5

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 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”

Lord, share with us the treasures of your love. Our lives are surrounded with passing things; set our hearts on things of heaven, so that through faith, hope and charity we may come to enjoy the vision of your glory.

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.



Confirmation

Congratulations to all the teenagers of the Religious Education Program who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Sansaricq this past Saturday at St. Rose of Lima Church .

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Adrian Alejo | Kevin Molina |
| Christian Alejo | Heydi Monroy |
| Fatima Avalos Molina | Jordan Morales |
| Natalie Azcona | Samantha Ojeda |
| Krystal Corry | Gisselle Ramirez |
| Cindi Erroa | Brandon Ramsay |
| Evin Flores | Alex Sanchez |
| Kimberly Gonzalez | Jorge Santizo Lanuza |
| Jonathan Guevara Lizama | Christopher Torres |
| Anthony Hernandez | Josephine Velasquez |

Special thanks to all the teachers and volunteers who help prepared our teenagers for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

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.

**WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE**

On Good Friday, March 29, 2013, communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00 A.M. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 P.M. At each station there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call Communion and Liberation at 212-337-3580.

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. If you would like to participate, please call the rectory 718-327-1133 ext 10 before April 5, 2013.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT THE PAUL GIVES BACK

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude should share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. **Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525.** Thank you for your participation.

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: \$4679.00
Segunda Colecta: \$1670.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4471.00

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!

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

Santa María y Santa Gertrudis 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.

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.



**Adelanten su reloj una hora el próximo
Sábado 9 de Marzo, 2013.**



Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

“AQUÍ ESTOY”

Las Escrituras para este domingo concentran nuestra atención en el llamado de Cuaresma a la conversión. Cuando, en la lectura del Éxodo, Dios llama a Moisés por su nombre, éste responde inmediatamente: “Aquí estoy” y se acerca. Moisés respondió al llamado de Dios aun estando atemorizado y confundido. De igual manera Cristo nos llama a cada uno por nuestro nombre, especialmente en los sacramentos del bautismo y de la Eucaristía. Durante el tiempo de Cuaresma lo que más desea el Señor es que le contestemos, “aquí estoy”, y que nos acerquemos a él. No nos preocupemos si estamos asustados y confundidos. Ni aun nos preocupemos si todavía no hemos verdaderamente escuchado su llamado esta Cuaresma. Las Escrituras de hoy nos brindan una segunda oportunidad para escuchar el llamado de Jesús, acercarnos más a él para poder escuchar su voz y alejarnos del pecado en nuestras vidas.

DAR FRUTOS

¿Cómo sabemos que estamos respondiendo al llamado de Jesús? Para responder a esa pregunta busquemos la parábola de la higuera en el Evangelio de hoy. Por medio de los sacramentos, la Sagrada Escritura y la comunidad cristiana, Jesucristo —el jardinero— ha estado cultivando la tierra a nuestro alrededor y nos ha abonado con la esperanza de que demos buenos frutos. ¿Los daremos? ¿Somos estériles debido acaso a que nuestras raíces no crecen hasta la profundidad suficiente como para toparse con los verdaderos nutrientes espirituales? ¿Está nuestro crecimiento paralizado por las decisiones que estamos haciendo? ¿Se mueve nuestra energía dentro de nuestras ramas más saludables y florecientes, o se deja minar por cientos de retoños raquíticos? ¿Nos volvemos contra nosotros mismos e impedimos que la luz del Hijo haga madurar cualquier fruto, por muy pequeño que sea, que está comenzando a salir? Así como los Elegidos que se preparan para recibir el bautismo hacen un escrutinio de su vida para descubrir cómo Cristo los llama a la conversión, también nosotros debemos escudriñar nuestra vida. Los que escuchen la voz de Jesús y respondan a su llamado darán frutos suculentos para que los hambrientos se sacien de ellos.

ORACION PARA LA CUARESMA

Dios todopoderoso, guíanos a lo largo de esta Cuaresma para que todo lo que hagamos sea motivado por amor a Ti y a nuestro prójimo. A través de tu bondad y misericordia, Tu nos has dado este tiempo sagrado como una oportunidad para responder más plenamente a la gracia de nuestro bautismo. Para que nuestros corazones estén fortalecidos de la fe, esperanza y amor mientras reflexionamos sobre la vida, muerte y resurrección de nuestro Salvador y Señor, Jesucristo, quien murió por nosotros para que podamos vivir con Él para siempre. Amen.



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

Señor, comparte con nosotros los tesoros de Tu amor. Nuestra vida está rodeada de cosas pasajeras; pon en nuestro corazón en las cosas del cielo, para que a través de la fe, la esperanza y la caridad, podamos llegar a disfrutar de la visión de tu gloria.

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.

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.

ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS DIOCESANO

La celebración anual del aniversario de boda Diocesano tendrá lugar el Sábado, 27 de abril del 2013 en la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción, en el 86-45 Edgerton Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11432. La misa comenzará a las 11:00 AM Todas las parejas que van a celebrar sus 25, 30, 40, y 50 aniversario están invitados a asistir con sus familias. Si usted desea participar, favor de llamar a la rectoría 718-327-1133 x10 antes del 5 de Abril del 2013.