

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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TRUSTEES:

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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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, 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)
Maria Luisa Zenon Delgado (dec)

Sunday, March 6

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Mary Duncan (healing)
Juana Maria Disla (dec)
- 11:30 am – Grace Abella Sichani (dec)
Mario Rene Lopez (dec), Arnoldo Blanco (dec)
Presentación del niño Enrique Turcios
Stanford Mowatt (dec)
Karla & Vanessa Moreno (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Monday, March 7—St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

- 8:00 am – For the children of the Parish
- 12:10 pm – Grace Abella Sichani (dec)

Tuesday, March 8—St. John of God

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

Wednesday, March 9—Ash Wednesday

- 8:00 am – Deceased members of the Parish
- 12:10 pm – Grace Abella Sichani (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Miembros Difuntos de la Parroquia

Thursday, March 10

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Grace Abella Sichani (dec)
James J. Higgins (dec)

Friday, March 11

- 12:10 pm – Grace Abella Sichani (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Por los que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas


Saturday, March 12

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples
- 5:00 pm – Luisa M. Chervoni (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Erika Anaya Hoyos (dec), Ana Negron (dec)

Sunday, March 13

First Sunday of Lent

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 11:30 am – Para los Sacerdotes
Presentación del niño Peter Vasquez
Presentación del niño Jermey De Jesus Santana
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Zoe Papatomas (dec)

 Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera, Patrick Scannell, Derek Abraham, Peggi Pauguanm, Harris Mouton, Gladys Melendez, Tina Mendoza, Auddie Naraine and our faithful departed: Zoila Yopez.

**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

Weekend of 2-26 & 2-27 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Payment	Total Collection
5:00 PM	82	33	\$686.11	18	\$244.40	\$930.51
7:30 PM	224	40	\$329.05	20	\$148.95	\$478.00
8:15 AM	149	56	\$893.81	21	\$210.90	\$1,104.71
9:45 AM	210	56	\$659.50	34	\$197.01	\$856.51
11:30 AM	454	107	\$1,112.68	62	\$575.94	\$1,688.62
1:15 PM	197	39	\$735.36	23	\$203.45	\$938.81
Totals	1316	331	\$4,416.51	178	\$1,580.65	\$5,997.16

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5702.12

(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** * Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32 * Ps 31:2-4, 17, 25 * Mt 7:21-27
- Mon** * Tb 1:3; 2:1a-9 * Ps 112:1-6 * Mk 12:1-12
- Tues** * Tb 2:9-14 * Ps 112:1-2, 7-9 * Mk 12:13-17
- Wed** * Jl 2:12-18 * Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17 * Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thurs** * Dt 30:15-20 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Lk 9:22-25
- Fri** * Is 58:1-9a * Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 * Mt 9:14-15
- Sat** * Is 58:9b-14 * Ps 86:1-6 * Lk 5:27-32

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for

Rosalie McAllister.

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for

Rosalie McAllister.

*The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie***

McAllister.

DAYLIGHT



SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time Begins: Set your clock ahead one hour next Sunday morning, March 13, 2011



Ash Wednesday is the official start of the Season of Lent. A season of penance, reflection and fasting in order to prepare ourselves for Jesus' Resurrection and for our redemption.

Ash Wednesday

Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in "sackcloth and ashes" signs our foreheads with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us of our mortality on Earth, and the only Redemption is with Our Lord.

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return"

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church to help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The custom is from an old ceremony. Christians who had committed grave faults were obliged to do public penance. On Ash Wednesday the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the holy place because of their sins, as Adam, the first man was turned out of paradise on account of his disobedience. They did not enter the Church again until Maunday Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later on, all Christians, either public or secret penitents, came out of devotion to receive ashes.

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the previous years blessed palms from Palm Sunday. God is gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy to those who call on Him with repentant hearts and lives. Divine mercy is of utmost importance, the Church calls on us to implore it during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance

St. Mary Star of the Sea—St. Gertrude Ash Wednesday

St. Mary Church

8:00 AM - Mass
 10:30 AM - Mass with School Children—all are invited
 12:10 PM - Mass
 1:00 PM - Stations of the Cross—English
 3:30 PM - Prayer Service
 7:30 PM - Mass—Bilingual

St. Gertrude

7:30 PM - Mass—English

Ashes will be distributed after the reading of the Gospel at each Mass and the Prayer Service and after the Stations of the Cross.




LAY MINISTRY

The contribution of Lay Ministers will be recognized and celebrated throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens this weekend. This is the opportunity for us here at St. Mary Star of the Sea—St. Gertrude to recognize the many dedicated women and men both young and old who give tirelessly of their time and talent to our community. They serve as Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of Hospitality, Choir, Altar Servers, Finance & Pastoral Council Members and in so many other ways. Please join us as we honor these dedicated volunteers.


Every baptized Catholic is invited to give of their time and talent to build up our Parish. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to one of the Priests or Deacons.

*Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and
St. Gertrude*
SIC·DEUS·DILEXIT·MUNDUM



**2011 LENTEN RETREAT
PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE
CROSS WITH
MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS**
7:00 Tues Evenings March 15,22,29
and April 5,12
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church
New Haven Ave & Beach 20th
FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691

St. Mary's
Tuesday: 7:30 PM
Friday: After the 12:10 Mass—English
After the 7:30 Mass—Spanish

Stations of

the Cross

St. Gertrude
Friday: 7:30—Bilingual

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.

ST. MARY'S SPRING CARNIVAL

You are invited to come to our Spring Carnival.
April 8th and 9th
at St. Mary Star of the Sea School.
Friday, April 8th is open for the children of St. Mary's school only.
Saturday, April 9th is open to the public!

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

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

Sun. Mar. 20—11 am to 2:30 pm
Sun. April 10—11 am to 2:30 pm
Sun. May 15—11 am to 2:30 pm


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.

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

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS
Domingo Pasado: \$5997.16
Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5702.12
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!

Como podemos observar la Cuaresma


CUARESMA 

El inicio de la Cuaresma – un tiempo de oración, penitencia y ayuno tanto para los Judíos como para los Cristianos. En los primeros siglos de la Iglesia, las personas que querían recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación el Jueves Santo, se ponían ceniza en la cabeza y se presentaban ante la comunidad vestidos con un "hábito penitencial". Esto representaba su voluntad de convertirse. En el año 384 d.C., la Cuaresma adquirió un sentido penitencial para todos los cristianos y desde el siglo XI, la Iglesia de Roma acostumbra poner las cenizas al iniciar los 40 días de penitencia y conversión. Las cenizas que se utilizan se obtienen quemando las palmas usadas el Domingo de Ramos de año anterior. Esto nos recuerda que lo que fue signo de gloria pronto se reduce a nada. La imposición de ceniza es una costumbre que nos recuerda que algún día vamos a morir y que nuestro cuerpo se va a convertir en polvo. Nos enseña que todo lo material que tengamos aquí se acaba. En cambio, todo el bien que tengamos en nuestra alma nos lo vamos a llevar a la eternidad. Al final de nuestra vida, sólo nos llevaremos aquello que hayamos hecho por Dios y por nuestros hermanos los hombres. Cuando el sacerdote nos pone la ceniza, debemos tener una actitud de querer mejorar, de querer tener amistad con Dios. Tradicionalmente, las observancias de la Cuaresma han sido estructuradas alrededor de tres prácticas

Ayuno— Oración—Limosna

Los cristianos en todas partes de la historia han encontrado que estos son los componentes básicos del crecimiento espiritual Cuaresmal los cuales trabajan de dos maneras: nos ayudan a limpiar nuestras vidas de las cosas que nos distraen de Dios, y este nuevo espacio le da a la gracia de Dios más espacio para echar raíces y prosperar. Nuestra esperanza Cuaresmal y oración es que imitemos el sacrificio de Jesús, para que seamos más como él.

RETIRO DE CUARESMA – Se les invita a los Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, Ujieres y el Coro que asistan a un retiro de Cuaresma el día 16 de Abril de 9am a 3:30pm en Douglaston. Valor \$25. Favor comunicarse con Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

Horario  **de Verano**
Adelanten su reloj una hora en la mañana del próximo Domingo 13 de Marzo, 2011.


Sta. María Estrella del Mar—Sta. Gertrudis
Miércoles de Cenizas

Sta. María

8:00 AM - Misa
 10:30 AM - Misa con los niños de la escuela
 Todos son bienvenidos!
 12:10 PM - Misa
 1:00 PM - Estaciones de la Cruz—Ingles
 3:30 PM - Servicio de Oración
 7:30 PM - Misa bilingüe

Sta. Gertrudis
 7:30 PM - Misa—Ingles

Las cenizas serán distribuidas después de la Lectura del Evangelio en cada una de las Misas, en el Servicio de Oración y después de las Estaciones de la Cruz.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ 

Vía Crucis

Sta. María

Martes: 7:30 PM
 Viernes: Después de la Misa de las 12:10 —Ingles
 Después de la Misa de las 7:30 —Español

Sta. Gertrudis

Viernes: 7:30—Bilingue

CARNAVAL DE PRIMAVERA EN SANTA MARIA

Los invitamos a venir al Carnaval de Primavera .

Abril 8th y 9th
 En la Escuela Santa María Estrella del Mar.

Viernes 8 de Abril estará abierto para los niños de la Escuela Santa María solamente.
 Sábado 9 de Abril estará abierto para el publico!

MINISTERIO LAICO

Este fin de semana reconoceremos y celebraremos alrededor de la Diócesis de Brooklyn y Queens la contribución de todos los Ministros Laicos. Esta es 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 nuestra comunidad como Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, Ministros de la Hospitalidad, Coro, Servidores de Altar, miembros del comité de finanza y miembros de Consejos Pastorales y tantas otras cosas. Por favor únase a nosotros mientras honramos a estos dedicados voluntarios.

Invitamos a cada Católico bautizado a dar de su tiempo y talento para aumentar el reino de Dios en nuestra Parroquia. Si usted está interesado en dar de su tiempo y talento, por favor hable con uno de los Sacerdotes o Diáconos.