

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



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Miguel Jimenez

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Yvonne Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25
Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, Ext. 25
All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24.

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595 B. 19th St., Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691
Phone: 327-2242 Fax: 327-0797

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 12

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

Sunday, March 13

First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 14

- 8:00 am – Thomas Valentine—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Elizabeth Guarino (dec)

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 16

- 8:00 am – Deceased members of the Parish
- 12:10 pm – Pearl Waldron (dec)

Thursday, March 17—St. Patrick

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Mary Redican (dec)
John & Mary Waldron (dec)

Friday, March 18

- 12:10 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
- 7:30 pm – Maria Luisa Lemus de Garcia (dec)


Saturday, March 19—St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples
- 5:00 pm – Ronald J. Zogby (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Patricio Medina (dec)

Sunday, March 20

Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 11:30 am – Dominga Orellana (dec)
Henry Daniel Perez Lopez (cumpleaños)
Douglas y Beatriz Arguera (wed. anniv.)
- 1:15 pm – Joseph Carol Schenk (dec)
Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

 Pray for ... 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 Yepez.

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 3-5 & 3-6 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	The Tablet	Total Collection
5:00 PM	89	49	\$856.00	24	\$225.55	\$1,081.55
7:30 PM	187	41	\$448.35	16	\$157.51	\$605.86
8:15 AM	181	98	\$2,128.65	34	\$250.50	\$2,379.15
9:45 AM	247	102	\$1,065.30	32	\$330.10	\$1,395.40
11:30 AM	421	97	\$1,391.53	54	\$482.55	\$1,874.08
1:15 PM	137	39	\$1,565.51	10	\$116.00	\$1,681.51
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Totals	1262	464	\$7,455.34	170	\$1,562.21	\$9,017.55

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$7103.47

(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

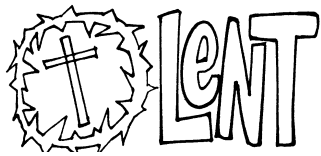
- Sun** * Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 * Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 * Mt 4:1-11
- Mon** * Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 * Ps 19:8-10, 15 * Mt 25:31-46
- Tues** * Is 55:10-11 * Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 * Mt 6:7-15
- Wed** * Jon 3:1-10 * Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 * Lk 11:29-32
- Thurs** * Esth C:12, 14-16, 23-25 * Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 * Mt 7:7-12
- Fri** * Ez 18:21-28 * Ps 130:1-8 * Mt 5:20-26
- Sat** * 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 * Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 * Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Vigil Light is given in thanksgiving for Ahida Cabrera.

*****STARS OF ST. MARY'S*****

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF EDWIN RAMOS, A STUDENT AT ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY H.S. WHO ACHIEVED HONORS WITH DISTINCTION.



First Sunday of Lent

THE RESPONSE OF GOD

This year the Sunday scriptures of Lent have their genesis in the book of Genesis. We hear the second of the two versions of the creation story that open this book. Today's account—in which Adam receives life and Eve is created from his side—is the version filled with more folk-parable types of details, with God a much more involved character in the drama. When God wanted to change lifeless clay into a being made in the divine image, it was through breath. That breath (in Hebrew the *ruach* or wind or spirit of God) is the sign and source of humanity's intimate connection with our Creator. Adam experiences *con spire*: a "breathing with" God. Adam and Eve are in the best sense made con-spirators with God's plan for creation. But when he and Eve decide to conspire against the divine will and not with it, they fall out of their intimate relationship with God. At first, it seems that God's response is punishment; but Christians believe that God's ultimate response to this fallen state is a gift: Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSE OF CHRIST

We commonly call today's Gospel "The Temptation in the Desert" but it more accurately might be called "The Triumph in the Desert." The Gospels are filled with stories in which Jesus is triumphant, in which he faces evil, enemies, adversity. All of these prey on his human nature and seek to make him cease breathing with the spirit of God's will. But each time Jesus prevails, and in prevailing gives glory to God. Each of these triumphs is a small prefiguring of the Resurrection. And it is the Resurrection for which Lent prepares us. It is a time when we remember that the very breath of Christ, bestowed on his followers after his resurrection, was also bestowed on us by the Spirit of baptism. It is that Spirit, that baptismal breath of Christ, that we must draw upon to strengthen us in our trials, that our temptations will be vanquished by the will of God. In our failings remembered, we ask forgiveness. In our triumphs through Christ, we give glory to God.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In addition to our regular collection for the support of the parish, we will be accepting your gift to support the missionary work among the Native Americans around the United States.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

In English on Monday, April 11, 2011
at 8:00 P.M.

Celebrant will be Fr. Anthony Ozele
Music by Joe Neilson & Rev: 23

Come One! Come All!
Don't miss this anointed, spirit-filled Mass
A beautiful way to prepare for the Lenten Season

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.

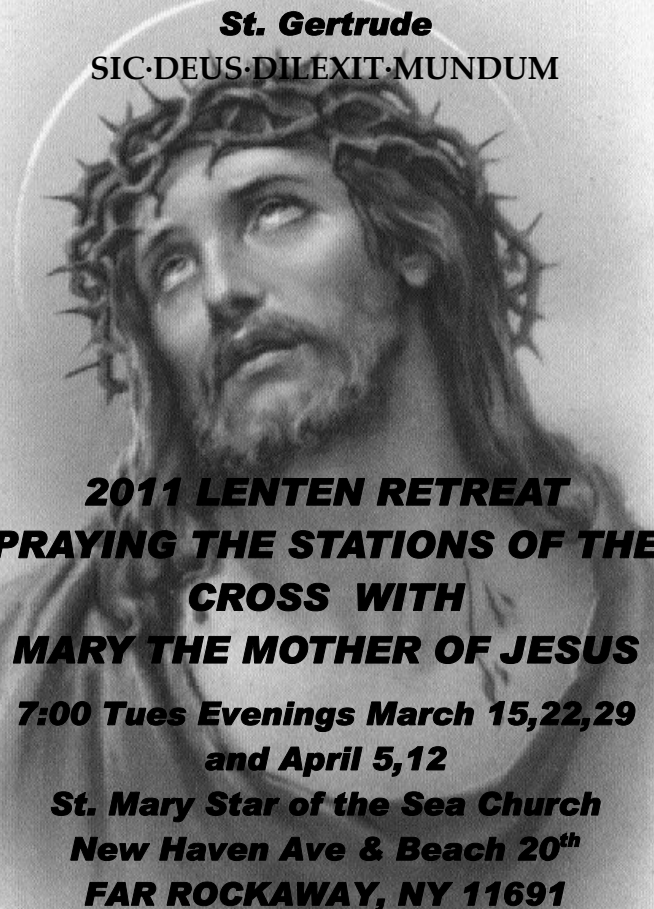
Friday, April 8th is open for the children of St. Mary's school only.
Saturday, April 9th is open to the public!

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude cordially invite you to the Mother's Day Celebration on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 8:30 PM to 2:00 A.M. in the School Auditorium. Admission: \$20 per person.



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	 Stations of the Cross
Tuesday: 7:30 PM Friday: After the 12:10 Mass—English After the 7:30 Mass—Spanish	
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.

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.

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

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS FAIR
 Sunday, March 27th, 1-3 PM
 Presented by Ave Maria Catholic Academy & Our Lady of Grace Parish
 Howard Beach, NY
 Location: The School Hall— 158-20 101st St.

With Presentation from the following:
 Brooklyn Diocese Office of Vocations
 Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden
 Daughters of Wisdom
 Daughters of St. Paul
 De La Salle Christian Brothers
 Dominican Sisters
 Legionnaires of Christ
 Little Sisters of the Poor
 Orders of Augustinian Recollects
 Sisters of St. Joseph

For additional information contact: 718-848-7440.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$9017.55****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7103.47****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!



La
Cuaresma

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

LA RESPUESTA DE DIOS

Este año las lecturas de los domingos de Cuaresma se originan en el libro del Génesis. Escuchamos la segunda de las dos versiones del relato de la creación que se encuentra al inicio de este libro. El relato de hoy —en el cual Adán recibe la vida y Eva es creada de su costado— es la versión más detallada, con ese estilo de parábola popular que muestra a Dios como un personaje mucho más involucrado en el drama. Cuando Dios quiso transformar la inerte arcilla en un ser hecho a la imagen divina, lo hizo soplando sobre él. Ese aliento (en hebreo *ruah*, viento o espíritu de Dios) es el signo y la fuente del íntimo vínculo de la humanidad con nuestro Creador. Adán experimenta un *con spire*, un “respirar con” Dios. En el mejor de los sentidos, a Adán y Eva se les hace conspiradores con el plan de Dios para la creación. Pero cuando Adán y Eva deciden conspirar contra la voluntad divina en vez de cooperar con ella, se rompe su relación íntima con Dios. Al principio, parece que la respuesta de Dios es de castigo; pero los cristianos creen que la respuesta final de Dios ante este estado de caída es un don: Jesucristo.

LA RESPUESTA DE CRISTO

Solemos llamar al evangelio de hoy “la tentación en el desierto”, pero sería más acertado llamarlo “el triunfo en el desierto”. Los evangelios están repletos de relatos en los que Jesús sale triunfante, donde enfrenta al mal, a los enemigos y a la adversidad. Todos éstos acechan su naturaleza humana y buscan lograr hacerlo cesar de respirar con el espíritu de la voluntad de Dios. Sin embargo, Jesús prevalece una y otra vez, y al hacerlo da gloria a Dios. Cada uno de estos triunfos es una pequeña prefiguración de la resurrección. La Cuaresma nos prepara para la resurrección. Es el tiempo en que recordamos que el mismo aliento de Cristo, su Espíritu que sopló sobre sus discípulos después de su resurrección, también sopló sobre nosotros en nuestro bautismo. Es ese Espíritu, ese aliento bautismal de Cristo, al que debemos recurrir para fortalecernos en nuestras pruebas, para que nuestras tentaciones sean vencidas por la voluntad de Dios. Al recordar nuestras faltas, pedimos perdón. Al reconocer nuestros triunfos, por Cristo, damos gloria a Dios

COLECTA ESPECIAL

Este fin de semana además de la colecta regular para apoyar a nuestra parroquia, tendremos una segunda colecta para apoyar el trabajo misionero de los Nativos Americanos alrededor de los Estados Unidos.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Sta. María

Martes: 7:30 PM

Viernes: Después de la Misa de las 12:10 —Inglés
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!

El Aniversario de Bodas Anual Diocesano se celebrará el **Sábado 30 de Abril del 2011** en la Iglesia La Inmaculada Concepción, localizada en el 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432. La Misa comenzará a las 11:00 A.M. **Todas las parejas que estén celebrando su 25, 30, 40, y 50 aniversario de bodas están invitadas a asistir con sus familiares.** En la Iglesia podrá encontrar las formas de registración.

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.



Día de las Madres

CELEBRACIÓN DEL DÍA DE LAS MADRES

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis cordialmente los invita a la gran celebración del Día de las Madres. Amenizado por “Unique Class DJ” y un Grupo Sorpresa el Sábado 7 de Mayo del 2011 desde las 8:30 PM hasta las 2:00 AM en el Auditorio de la Escuela Santa María. Admisión: \$20 por persona.