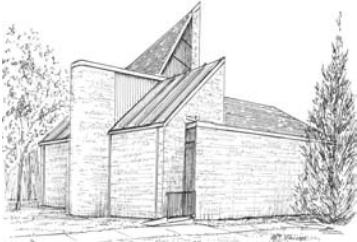


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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Lillian Virginia Rountree

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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.

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
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St. Vincent De Paul Society: Contact the Rectory

Jornada Youth Group: Fridays 8:00 PM

Haitian Committee: Sunday 10:30 AM

JDV Group: Wednesdays 8:00 P.M.

Charismatic Prayer Group in English Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory Basement

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

Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro) 2nd & 4th Thursday (Jueves)
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the McKenna Center

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16, 2013

5:00 pm - Souls in Purgatory
 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)
 Rosa Tapia Viuda de Suarez (dec)
 Patricio Medina (dec)
 Silvia Sanchez Blanco (dec)

Sunday, March 17, 2013 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Pauline R. Singh (dec)
 Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
 9:45 am - Mass available
 11:30 am - Presentación del bebe Jimmy Jose Castellon
 Intención especial—Acción de Gracias
 Sofia Montesinos (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm - Louise Bulger (dec)
 Jesus Marquez (dec)

Monday, March 18, 2013 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 - St. Joseph

12:10 pm - Manuel Mohedano (dec)

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, March 21, 2013

12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, March 22, 2013

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

Saturday, March 23, 2013 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

5:00 pm - Mass available
 7:30 pm - Silvia Sanchez Blanco (dec)
 Hermenegildo (Herman) Ojeda (dec)

Sunday, March 24, 2013 - Palm Sunday

8:15 am - Rosary Society, Romano Valdes (dec)
 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio
 11:30 am - Carmen Garces (sanación)
 Maria Edelmira Canton (dec)
 Mario Alberto Canton (dec)
 Hermenegildo (Herman) Ojeda (dec)
 11:45 am - Misa disponible
 1:15 pm - Mass available



The Sick and Our Faithful Departed

Pray for ... Edwin Cardona, Miriam Muñoz, Angela Rivara, Geraldine Miller, 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 sanctuary candle is given for **Pauline R. Singh.**

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 - \$5284.00

Second Collection- \$1283.00

First Collection Last Year: \$5580.00

(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 * Is 43:16-21 * Ps 126:1-6 * Jn 8:1-11
Mon * Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 * Ps 23:1-6 * Jn 8:12-20
Tues * 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 * Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 * Lk 2:41-51
Wed * Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 * Dn 3:52-56 * Jn 8:31-42
Thurs * Gn 17:3-9 * Ps 105:4-9 * Jn 8:51-59
Fri * Jer 20:10-13 * Ps 18:2-7 * Jn 10:31-42
Sat * Ez 37:21-28 * Jer 31:10-13 * Jn 11:45-56

Altar Server Assignments for March 23 & 24, 2013

Sat. 5:00 PM – Kevin Robles, Jude Ikhalea
 Sat. 7:30 PM – Jeison Fernandez, Jossabeth Castaneda, Evin Flores
 Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques Mathieu, Adaora Madubuko, Chinelan Chukwu
 Sun. 9:45 AM – Joseph Santizo, Alexis Small
 Sun. 11:30 AM - Dennys Castillo, Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Zarate
 Sun. 11:45 AM - Miguel Garcia, Sebastian Rosas, Aaliyah Mayorga
 Sun. 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Christina Gonsalves, Isaiah Brown



LENTEN PRAYER

Lord, during this Lenten season nourish us with your word of life and make us one in love and prayer. God our Father, teach us to find new life through penance. Keep us from sin, and help us live by your commandment of love. Merciful Father, may our acts of penance bring us your forgiveness, open our hearts to your love, and prepare us for the coming feast of the resurrection.

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB meeting for March 28th has been cancelled due to the Holy Thursday celebration. Next meeting will be on April 11th.

El Club de la Edad de Oro canceló su reunión para el 28 de Marzo debido a la celebración del Jueves Santo.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

NEW BEGINNINGS

As we approach Easter each year the grocery stores and shopping malls fill with candy eggs and chicks, bunnies, and butterflies. While some people think these images distort the real reason for the season, others recognize in them signs of the abundant and transformed new life that awaits those who are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism invites each of us into a new beginning. The images of water in today's reading from Isaiah can help us reflect on this reality. Through the waters of baptism the Lord "opens a way . . . and a path" for us. The powers of evil in our lives are "quenched like a wick." Then the Lord does "something new" in us. The water "springs forth" from within the wasteland of our hearts to create a river of new life (Isaiah 43:16, 17, 19). Little by little our dry deserts are transformed into lush gardens for the praise and honor of God.

"GO, AND . . . DO NOT SIN ANY MORE"

This is the scenario that St. Paul describes in today's selection from Philippians. Reading his words we can almost envision a baby chick discarding its cracked shell and a new butterfly forfeiting its empty cocoon as "so much rubbish" compared to the "supreme good" of the new lives they have begun (Philippians 3:8). But Paul is quick to point out that baptism is just a beginning. There is a lifetime to be lived in pursuit of "perfect maturity," our "upward calling, in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12, 14) In the Gospel for today Jesus echoes this lesson. He rescues the woman from her oppressors, offering her a new life with the words "Neither do I condemn you." Then he invites her to begin anew: "Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:11). As we approach Easter Jesus is inviting each of us to be fully transformed by the new life that was begun in us in the waters of baptism.



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

March 19

For a Deeper Understanding of the Paschal Mystery

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.

Holy Week at St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Parish 2013



PALM SUNDAY MASSES— March 23rd & March 24th

Saturday, March 23rd

5:00 P.M. - English

7:30 P.M. - Spanish

Sunday, March 24th

8:15 A.M. - English

9:45 A.M. - Spanish

11:30 A.M. - Spanish

11:45 A.M. - Spanish in the Auditorium

1:15 P.M. - English

RECONCILIATION MONDAY—March 25th

Confessions: 3 P.M. until 9 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY - March 28th

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – Bi-lingual

7:30 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Visit to the Repository until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY— March 29th

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – Bi-lingual

12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross – English

1:30 P.M. - Stations of the Cross – Bilingual at St.

Gertrude followed by a procession to St. Mary

3:00 P.M. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – Spanish

7:30 P.M. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – English

HOLY SATURDAY – March 30th

10:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer – Bi-lingual

8:00 P.M. - Easter Vigil Services and Mass in the Auditorium

EASTER SUNDAY – March 31st MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

8:15 A.M. – English

9:45 A.M. – Spanish

11:30 A.M. - Spanish

11:45 A.M. - Spanish in the Auditorium

1:15 P.M. - English

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



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"

There is cause for rejoicing here. You may for a time, have to suffer the distress of many trials, but this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen him, and without seeing you now believe in him and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory because you are achieving faith's goal, your salvation. 1 Peter 1:6-9

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

Loving God, we stand before You, faithful servants of our mission to help bring the Good News of Jesus to all in Brooklyn and Queens.

Bless our Diocese and strengthen our faith, as we continue to meet the challenges of our future and serve the needs of Your people.

Bless and encourage all of us to share a portion of our treasure with those that are in need of our help through the 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

RENEWING OUR FAITH THROUGH ACTS OF CHARITY

Help us to serve our Church, our community and our world. Fill our minds with Your truth and our hearts with Your love, so that we may bond together as a community of faith. We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love and in thanksgiving for the Many blessings we have received, through Christ Our Lord

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 25 anniversary and above** 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. **Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718-491-2525.** Thank you for your participation.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5284.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1283.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5580.00

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!



Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

NUEVOS COMIENZOS

A medida que nos vamos acercando a la Pascua de Resurrección, las tiendas de comestibles y los centros comerciales se llenan de huevos dulces y pollitos, conejitos y mariposas. Muchas personas piensan que estas imágenes distorsionan el motivo real de la fiesta, pero otros ven en ellas símbolos de la nueva vida transformada y abundante que espera a los que son bautizados en la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo. El bautismo nos invita a un nuevo comienzo. Las imágenes del agua en la lectura de hoy de Isaías nos ayudan a reflexionar en la realidad de que, por las aguas del bautismo, el Señor "abrió un camino ... y un sendero" para nosotros (Isaías 43:16). Los poderes del mal en nuestra vida "se apagaron como mecha que se extingue" (Isaías 43:17). Entonces el Señor realiza "algo nuevo" en nosotros (Isaías 43:19) y "hará brotar agua en el desierto" (Isaías 43:20) de nuestro corazón para crear un río de vida nueva. Poco a poco nuestros secos desiertos se van transformando en jardines exuberantes para la gloria y honra de Dios.

"VETE, Y NO VUELVAS A PECAR"

Éste es el escenario que san Pablo describe en el fragmento de la carta a los filipenses que compartimos hoy. Leyendo sus palabras casi podemos ver la imagen de un polluelo abandonando el cuarteado cascarón o de una mariposa dejando su viejo capullo vacío, como si lo que quedó atrás de su vida anterior fuera "basura" comparándolo con "la gran ventaja" de la nueva vida que han comenzado (Filipenses 3:8). Pero Pablo señala rápidamente que el bautismo es sólo un comienzo. Se necesita toda una vida para "conseguir la perfección" (véase Filipenses 3:12), que es "el premio al que Dios [nos] llama desde lo alto por medio de Cristo Jesús" (Filipenses 3:14). En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús se hace eco de esta lección. Él rescata a la mujer de sus opresores, y le ofrece nueva vida con estas palabras: "Tampoco yo te condeno" (Juan 8:11). Entonces la invita a comenzar de nuevo: "Vete y no vuelvas a pecar en adelante" (Juan 8:11). A medida que se acerca la Pascua, Jesús nos está invitando a cada uno de nosotros a ser completamente transformado por la nueva vida que comenzó en nosotros en las aguas bautismales.



AÑO DE LA FE 2012-2013

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

Por eso viven alegres, aunque un poco afligidos ahora, es cierto, a causa de tantas pruebas. Pero así la autenticidad de su fe —más valiosa que el oro, el cual es perecedero a pesar de haber sido purificado en el fuego— será motivo de alabanza, gloria y honor el día en que se manifieste Jesucristo. Todavía no lo han visto, pero lo aman; sin verlo creen en él y se alegran con un gozo indescriptible y radiante, así recibirán la salvación, que es la meta de su fe. 1 Pedro 1:6-9

ORACION DE LA CAMPAÑA ANUAL CATOLICA

Amadísimo Dios, nos detenemos delante de ti, como fieles servidores con la misión de ayudar a llevar la Buenas Nuevas de Jesús por todo Brooklyn y Queens.

Bendice nuestra Diócesis y fortalece nuestra Fe, mientras seguimos enfrentando los retos del futuro y sirviendo las necesidades de Tu pueblo...

Bendícenos y motívanos a compartir una porción de nuestro recursos económicos con los más necesitados de nuestra ayuda a través de la Campaña Anual Católica del 2013

RENOVANDO NUESTRA FE A TRAVES DE ACTOS DE CARIDAD

Ayúdanos a servir nuestra Iglesia, nuestras comunidades y nuestro mundo. Llena nuestras mentes con Tu verdad y nuestros corazones con Tu Amor, para que podamos estar unidos como una comunidad de Fe.

Hacemos esto Señor como señal de nuestro amor y en agradecimiento por todas las bendiciones que hemos recibido a través de Cristo Nuestro Señor.

ORACION PARA LA CUARESMA

Señor, durante esta tiempo de Cuaresma susténtanos con Tu palabra de vida y haznos uno en amor y oración. Dios,

Padre nuestro, enséñanos a encontrar una nueva vida a través de la penitencia. Mantenernos libres del pecado, y ayúdanos a vivir según Tu mandamiento de amor. Padre misericordioso, que nuestros actos de penitencia nos conceda Tu perdón, abre nuestros corazones a Tu amor, y prepáranos para la próxima Fiesta de Resurrección.



SEMANA SANTA 2013

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Misas—23 & 24 de Marzo

Sábado: 5:00 PM — Ingles

7:30 PM—Español

Domingo: 8:15 AM — Ingles

9:45 AM—Español

11:30 AM—Español en el Auditorio

11:45 AM — Español

1:15 PM – Ingles

LUNES DE RECONCILIACION — 25 de Marzo

Confesiones: 3 PM— 9 PM

JUEVES SANTO - 28 de Marzo

10:00 A.M.— Oración de la Mañana – Bi-lingue

7:30 P.M Misa de la Cena del Señor

Repositorio estará abierto hasta la medianoche

VIERNES SANTO – 29 de Marzo

10:00 AM— Oración de la Mañana – Bi-lingue

12:00 Mediodía—Estaciones de la Cruz – Ingles

1:30 PM Estaciones de la Cruz – Bilingüe

Seguida por la procesión a Santa María

3:00 PM— Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo – Español

7:30 PM—Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo – Ingles

SABADO DE GLORIA – 30 de Marzo

10:00 AM— Oración de la Mañana – Bi-lingue

8:00 PM— Misa de la Vigilia Pascual en el Auditorio

DOMINGO DE PASCUA – 31 de Marzo

MISA DE LA RESURRECCION DEL SEÑOR

8:15 AM – Ingles

9:45 AM – Español

11:30 AM Español

11:45 AM - Español en el Auditorio

1:15 PM - Ingles

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 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: \$5.00.

Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia—Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invitan al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia 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.