

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



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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

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 17, 2012—St. Patrick*

- 12:10 pm - Mary Redican (dec)
John & Mary Waldron (dec)
5:00 pm - Catherine Joan Strofield-Pryor (dec)
7:30 pm - Mario Alberto Canton (dec)
Rosa Tapia de Suarez (dec)
María de la Cruz Castro (dec)
Divino Niño—Acción de Gracias

Sunday, March 18, 2012 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:15 am - Matthew Glomb (dec)
9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Jesus Marquez (dec)
11:30 am - Patricio Medina (dec), Gary Castillo (dec)
Las Almas del Purgatorio
Julian Vasquez (dec)
Maria Berta Sanchez (dec)
1:15 pm - Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
2:30 pm - Haitian Mass

Monday, March 19, 2012—St. Joseph

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, March 22, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, March 23, 2012—St. Turibius de Mogrovejo

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Saturday, March 24, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
5:00 pm - Mass available
7:30 pm - Marcello Suarez (dec)

Sunday, March 25, 2012 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:15 am - Rosary Society, Ramona Valdez
Gabriel, Herson, Waldman & Jim Rivera (dec)
9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Por las almas del Purgatorio
11:30 am - Cenovia Martinez (dec), Oscar Suarez (dec)
Julio Rene de la Cruz Morales (dec)
Teofilo & Francisco Ceballos (dec)
1:15 pm - Winifred Bell Discher Valentine (dec)

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 * Ps 137:1-6 * Jn 3:14-21
Mon * 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 * Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 * Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tues * Ez 47:1-9, 12 * Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 * Jn 5:1-16
Wed * Is 49:8-15 * Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 * Jn 5:17-30
Thurs * Ex 32:7-14 * Ps 106:19-23 * Jn 5:31-47
Fri * Wis 2:1a, 12-22 * Ps 34:17-21, 23 * Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-20
Sat * Jer 11:18-20 * Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 * Jn 7:40-53

**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 - \$5481.00
Second Collection - \$1475.00

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2011):
\$5902.72**

(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 –

 **For the sick:** Duane Tucker, Harold Harris, Pauline Singh, Rosalie McAllister, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially Sister Dolores Foster CSJ, Juanita Aviles.

2012 LENTEN SERIES*This year's theme***'Being Faithful to the Gospel'***Followed by***STATIONS of the CROSS**

**7:00 Tues Evenings Mar 20,27
in the Church**



The Vocations Crosses are available for 2012. Sign-up sheets may be found in the lobbies of both parish locations. Please sign-up and take home the Vocations Cross for 1 week and pray for vocations. It is important that we, the faithful, pray for our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.

VOCACIONES

La Cruz de Vocaciones esta disponible para este año 2012. En el vestíbulo de ambas Iglesias encontraran las hojas para anotarse. Por favor anótese para llevar la Cruz de Vocaciones a su casa por una semana para orar por las vocaciones. Es muy importante que nosotros, los fieles, oremos por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, hermanos y hermanas religiosas.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 22, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. in the
McKenna Center.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD”



Today's Gospel contains the best known and most often quoted passage in the New Testament. Who has not seen *John 3:16* at a televised sporting event? Who has not heard and read the familiar and comforting words?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Like an old song or a soft blanket, the words comfort us.

THE REST OF THE STORY

But the rest of the Gospel verses are not so familiar—or so comforting: “Whoever does not believe has already been condemned” (John 3:18). Do my doubts condemn me? Just how strong is my faith? “People preferred darkness to light because their works were evil” (John 3:19). Can I justify my lifestyle when the world's children are starving? “For everyone who does wicked things hates the light” (John 3:20). What have I done that I don't want others to know about? Why do I look the other way when people or governments act unethically or immorally?

The image of Moses holding up the bronze serpent is a stark reminder of the purpose of the Crucifixion. The Son of Man will be “lifted up”—but first he will suffer a painful death on the cross. We are saved through his suffering love—if we will let him love us. “Whoever lives the truth comes to the light” (John 3:21). To “live the truth” is to accept ourselves as we are—good, bad, and ugly. Love can only enter when our defenses are down. Jesus does not condemn; we condemn ourselves by our non-believers in our own essential goodness. It's an internal condemnation removed only by his gift—the gift of love. Jesus is love. We are saved by love. We save others through love. Love is the only thing worth living—or dying—for.



ALTAR SERVER'S DAY—The Diocese of Brooklyn is hosting an Altar Server Day to recognize and celebrate the generous service given by our parish altar servers. The day will consist of games, prizes, liturgy and entertainment. The date is Wednesday, April 11, 2012 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at St. Mary Mother of Jesus Parish in Brooklyn.

Please get permission from your parents and then contact the rectory to sign up before the deadline of March 30, 2012.

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 15, 2012. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Departure time 6:00 A.M. For more information call the rectory 718-327-1133 or Legion of Mary 718-440-1328.

HOLY WEEK 2012

PALM SUNDAY – March 31st & April 1st



St. Mary's

**Saturday – March 31st: 5:00 PM — English
& 7:30 PM Spanish**

**Sunday – April 1st: 8:15 AM – English,
11:30 & 11:45 AM - Spanish
& 1:15 PM – English**

St. Gertrude: Sunday: 9:45 AM - English

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY AT
ST. MARY'S – April 2nd**

Confessions: 3 PM until 9 PM

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 5th

St. Gertrude:

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer – English

St. Mary: 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer - Spanish

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 PM

Visit to the Repository until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY– APRIL 6th

St. Mary's

Stations of the Cross – English – 12:00 Noon

Liturgy of the Passion – Spanish: 3:00 PM

Liturgy of the Passion – Spanish: 7:30 PM

**St. Gertrude: Stations of the Cross – Bilingual –
followed by a procession to St. Mary: 1:30 PM**

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord

English: 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY – April 7th

**St. Mary's - Easter Vigil Services and Mass in
the Auditorium - 8:00 PM**

EASTER SUNDAY – April 8th

MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

St. Mary's: 8:15 AM – English,

11:30 AM, 11:45 AM & 1:15 PM - English

St. Gertrude: 9:45 AM – English

DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITY DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM

Women (young of age and young at heart) single or widow, interested in learning more about becoming a Religious Sister are invited to participate in a afternoon of sharing with the Daughters of Wisdom. We are looking forward to welcoming you in the afternoon of April 1, 2012 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at St. Virgilius Convent located at 210 Noel Road Broad Channel, NY. Pizza dinner will follow. Please call 718-945-2467.

2012 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

Father in Heaven,
We are humbled by Your presence and celebrate the blessings You have bestowed upon us.

In Your loving kindness, bless our Annual Catholic Appeal.

Help us to respond generously to Your goodness by returning a portion of what You have given to us.

Give us the confidence to walk in Your footsteps and the insight to recognize the real needs around us.

Give us the strength and compassion to meet the needs of those less fortunate so we can participate in "Sharing Our Gifts to Build God's Kingdom in Brooklyn and Queens."

May this Appeal reflect our commitment to the challenge of our Catholic calling. May it advance the mission of Your Church and strengthen our resolve in returning the Lord's Goodness.

We ask You this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The 2011 tax statements are now available. Please fill in the form below; drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Mass, 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 will not be automatically mailed out. Statements are given by request only.

Request for 2011 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: \$5481.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1475.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5902.72

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!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS **2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

A Catholic Steward reaches out in many ways. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal we support many programs, ministries and services and most importantly, people.

Stewardship Thoughts:

"Our good deeds are manifested through the practice of Diocesan Stewardship."

"Through Stewardship we receive the grace of Discipleship."

"Good Stewards gratefully give of their Time Talent and Treasure."

"Your personal Gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal and the people it supports may change the world."

"Good Stewards reach out to the less fortunate."

"Jesus doesn't like to add nor subtract, He Loves to Multiply...
.... Count your Blessings when you give with Gratitude."

PENSAMIENTOS DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD **CAMPAÑA ANUAL CATOLICA 2012**

La Corresponsabilidad Católica ayuda de diversas maneras. Ayudamos a través del apoyo a los diferentes programas, ministerios, servicios; y mas importante a las personas.

Pensamiento de Corresponsabilidad:

"Nuestras buenas obras se manifiestan a través de la practica de una Corresponsabilidad Diocesana"

A través de la Corresponsabilidad recibimos la gracia del Discipulado"

"Buenos administradores agradecidamente dan su Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro"

"Su regalo personal apoya a la Campaña Anual Católica del 2012 y las personas que lo sostiene pueden cambiar el mundo"

"Buenos administradores les ayudan a los más desafortunados"



Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

“ASÍ AMÓ DIOS AL MUNDO”

El Evangelio de hoy contiene el pasaje más conocido y más citado del Nuevo Testamento. ¿Quién no ha visto *Juan 3:16* en una actividad deportiva televisada? ¿Quién no ha escuchado ni leído esas palabras conocidas y reconfortantes?

“¡Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que le entregó a su Hijo único, para el que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna”. Esas palabras nos confortan como una canción antigua o una manta suave.

EL RESTO DE LA HISTORIA

Pero el resto de los versículos del Evangelio no son tan familiares ni tan confortantes: “. . . el que no cree ya está condenado . . .” ¿Me condenan mis dudas? ¿Cuán fuerte es mi fe? “. . . Los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas”. ¿Puedo justificar mi estilo de vida cuando los niños del mundo mueren de hambre? “Todo aquel que hace el mal aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella . . .” ¿Qué cosas he hecho que no quiero que sepan los demás? ¿Por qué miro para otro lado cuando la gente o los gobiernos actúan sin ética o inmoralmente?

La imagen de Moisés sosteniendo la serpiente de bronce es una señal sombría del propósito de la Crucifixión. El Hijo del Hombre será “levantado”, pero primero sufrirá una muerte dolorosa en la cruz. Seremos salvados por medio de su amor sufriente *si es que* dejamos que Él nos ame. “El que obra el bien conforme a la verdad va a la luz . . .”. Obrar según “la verdad” es aceptarnos como somos: buenos, malos y feos. El amor sólo puede entrar cuando estamos abiertos. Jesús no condena, nosotros nos condenamos por no creer en nuestra bondad esencial. Es una condena interna que sólo un regalo puede remover –el regalo del amor. Jesús es amor. Somos salvados por amor. Salvamos a otros por amor. El amor es lo único por lo que vale la pena vivir o morir.

NOCHE DE PREDICACIÓN POR EL SEÑOR SALVADOR GOMEZ

El Grupo de San Pablo Apóstol los invita a dos noches de predicación con el Señor Salvador Gomez el Jueves 29 y el Viernes 30 de Marzo a las 7:30 PM. Donación por cada noche \$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, 15 de Abril del 2012. El costo es \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para mas información favor llamar a la rectoría al 718- 327-1133 o Legión de María al 718-440-1328.



Domingo de Ramos – 31 de Marzo & 1 de Abril
Santa María: Sábado 31 de Marzo: 5:00 PM - Ingles
& 7:30 PM Español

Domingo 1 de Abril 8:15 AM – Ingles,
11:30 & 11:45 AM - Español & 1:15 PM – Ingles
Santa Gertrudis: Domingo: 9:45 AM - Ingles

Lunes de Reconciliación - 2 de Abril

Santa María
Confesiones: 3 PM— 9 PM

Jueves Santo - 5 de Abril

Santa Gertrudis
9:00 AM – Oración de la Mañana – Ingles
Santa María

9:00 AM – Oración de la Mañana - Español
Misa de la Cena del Señor -7:30 PM

El Repositorio estará abierto hasta la Medianoche

Viernes Santo– 6 de Abril

Santa María: Estaciones de la Cruz – Ingles – 12:00 PM
Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo – Español: 3:00 P.M.
Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo – Español: 7:30 P.M.

St. Gertrudis - Estaciones de la Cruz – Bilingüe –
Seguida por la procesión hasta Santa María 1:30 P.M.
Liturgia de la Pasión de Cristo -Ingles 7:30 P.M.

Sábado de Gloria – 7 de Abril

Santa María
Vigilia Pascual y Misa en el Auditorio - 8:00 PM

Domingo de Pascua – 8 de Abril

Misa de la Resurrección de Cristo
Santa María 8:15 AM – Ingles,
11:30 A.M., 11:45 A.M. - Español en el Auditorio
1:15 P.M. - Ingles
Santa Gertrudis 9:45 AM – Ingles



CHARLAS DE CUARESMA

**Miércoles 21 de Marzo
7:30pm en la Iglesia**

**Tema de este Miércoles: (Isaías 53:5)
“Por sus llagas hemos sido sanados”**

**Misa de Sanación para
los Jóvenes**

Por el Padre Fulgencio Gutierrez