

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



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## TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR:

Rev. Msgr. John J. Bracken P.A., Ext. 22

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Jean Yvon Pierre, Ext. 27

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero  
Deacon Candidate Rene Hernandez

## PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
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## IN RESIDENCE:

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18  
Rev. Fredrick Anawonah, Ext. 17

## WEEKEND ASSISTANT:

Rev. Edward Smith

## TRUSTEES:

Lillian Virginia Roundtree  
Miguel Jimenez

## PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

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.

## SCHOOL:

Ms. Angela D. Brucia, Principal  
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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*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), Cantalisa Brea (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)  
Rosa Tapia Suarez (dec)  
Henry Daniel Perez Lopez (cumpleaños)  
Douglas y Beatriz Arguera (wed. anniv.)  
Ylda Castillo (salud)  
Jonatan Roberto Guardado (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm – Joseph Carol Schenk (dec)  
Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
- 2:30 pm – Haitian Mass—Firmin Joseph (dec)  
Yves, Patrice & Firmin Joseph Jr. (dec)

*Monday, March 21*

- 8:00 am – Adam J. Halsey (healing)
- 12:10 pm – Catherine Brazzier (dec)

*Tuesday, March 22*

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

*Wednesday, March 23—St. Toribio de Mogrovejo*

- 8:00 am – Deceased members of the Parish
- 12:10 pm – For the children of the Parish

*Thursday, March 24*

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Fr. Brendan Downing  
Tullio & Anna Gaudio (dec)
- 12:10 pm – For the sick and homebound

*Friday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord*


- 12:10 pm – Married Couples
- 7:30 pm – Vocations

*Saturday, March 26*

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples
- 5:00 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
- 7:30 pm – Luz Quintana (dec)

*Sunday, March 27—Third Sunday of Lent*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Por las Almas del Purgatorio
- 11:30 am – Zoila Yepez (dec)  
Gabriel, Herson, & Walderman Rivera (dec)  
Oscar Soria (dec), Ylda Castillo (salud)  
Erick Rigoberto Herrera (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving  
Ramona Valdez (dec), Luz Quintana (dec)

 Pray for ... Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Gladys Melendez, Tina Mendoza, Auddie Naraine, Doreen Ward, Zoila Melpar and our faithful departed: Eulario Rojas Maldonado.

**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 3-12 & 3-13 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of 1st Env.	1st Collection	# of Black & Indian Env.	Mission	Total Collection
Ash						
Wednesday	878	108	\$1,519.53	0	\$0.00	\$1,519.53
5:00 PM	85	49	\$406.19	18	\$218.00	\$624.19
7:30 PM	187	41	\$318.35	16	\$168.66	\$487.01
8:15 AM	181	98	\$1,045.25	36	\$261.60	\$1,306.85
9:45 AM	247	102	\$653.00	28	\$208.00	\$861.00
11:30 AM	421	97	\$1,142.44	24	\$322.67	\$1,465.11
1:15 PM	137	39	\$820.96	20	\$222.02	\$1,042.98
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2136</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>\$5,905.72</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>\$1,400.95</b>	<b>\$7,306.67</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$4320.57**

**(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](http://www.parishpay.com)



**Weekday Readings**

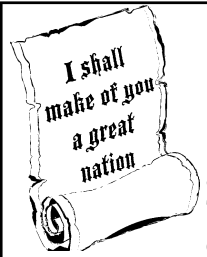
- Sun** \* Gn 12:1-4a \* Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 \* Mt 17:1-9
- Mon** \* Dn 9:4b-10 \* Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 \* Lk 6:36-38
- Tues** \* Is 1:10, 16-20 \* Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 \* Mt 23:1-12
- Wed** \* Jer 18:18-20 \* Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 \* Mt 20:17-28
- Thurs** \* Jer 17:5-10 \* Ps 1:1-4, 6 \* Lk 16:19-31
- Fri** \* Is 7:10-14; 8:10 \* Ps 40:7-11 \* Lk 1:26-38
- Sat** \* Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 \* Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 \* Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

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

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

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



## Second Sunday of Lent

### TEMPTED BY TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus faces a different sort of temptation in today's Gospel. Peter (whom Jesus would refer to as "Satan" in their encounter at Caesarea Philippi) tempts him to stay on the mountain of the Transfiguration, residing in a tent of glory with Moses and Elijah, as the Ark of the Covenant had dwelt in a tent of glory among the people of Israel. Jesus doesn't succumb, but makes Peter and his other followers come down with him off their mountain of glory to continue their ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. Jesus turned down the glory and power offered to him in last week's temptation passage; he likewise turns it down again, even when it seems to portray him as the fulfillment of Israel's messianic expectations. Yet, in a way, Jesus did allow himself to be tempted by transfiguring moments in his public ministry when he faced illness, demons, disbelief, hypocrites. He allowed each of these moments to transfigure the world around him more and more into the image of God's reign. They also each transfigured him a bit more on his road to Jerusalem, Calvary, the tomb, and his everlasting transfiguration in resurrection.

### TRANSFIGURED BY TEMPTATION

The words "disciple" and "discipline" are very close relatives. People in various walks of life know that our personal transfigurations frequently happen only when we encounter times of trial. Those in recovery know that ongoing encounters with temptations are sources of growth and strength. And so it is for us as faithful disciples renewing our lives through Lenten disciplines. We need to turn aside from the allure of the temptations of self-centeredness, greed, and unhealthy appetites as we increase the presence of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our lives. Daily, most of us confront a "demon," an illness in body, mind, or spirit, whether in ourselves or in the world. With Christ, we are called upon to confront its presence in ourselves or others, and like Christ, find our true and lasting transfiguration by growing in obedience to the Father's will. By God's grace we will one day come to live in the everlasting glory of the Resurrection that we also share.

### 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.



### SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Cathedral Prep will be sponsoring a program for boys currently in the 6th & 7th Grades from July 5th to July 29th. For further information call 718-592-6800.

**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 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691**

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

St. Gertrude  
 Friday: 7:30—Bilingual

Stations of



the Cross

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**

The Msgr. William Burke—Rockaway Council is looking for men 18 years of age or older who would be interested in becoming a member. You can visit the Knight of Columbus website at [www.knightsofrockaway.com](http://www.knightsofrockaway.com) or call 718-318-8188.

**THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian services to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. How will you help? Next week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.

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

**Free Tax Preparation Assistance**—A tax preparer will be available for anyone who would like help in filing their income tax at St. Gertrude's Tessier Center, beginning Sat. March 19, 2011 and going on every Saturday from 10AM to 2PM.

**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: \$7306.67**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4320.57**

**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!



**Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma**

**TENTADO POR LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN**

Jesús enfrenta otro tipo de tentación en el evangelio de hoy. Pedro (a quien Jesús se refiere como "Satanás" durante su encuentro en Cesárea de Filipo) lo tienta a quedarse en el monte de la Transfiguración, habitando en una tienda de gloria con Moisés y Elías, tal como el Arca de la Alianza había habitado en una tienda de gloria en medio del pueblo de Israel. Jesús no sucumbe, sino que hace que Pedro y sus otros discípulos desciendan del monte con él para continuar su ministerio de proclamar el reino de Dios. La semana pasada, en el pasaje sobre la tentación, Jesús rechazó la gloria y el poder que se le ofreció; de igual manera la rechaza otra vez, aun cuando esta tentación parece presentarlo como el cumplimiento de las expectativas mesiánicas de Israel. Si bien y de cierto modo, Jesús se dejó tentar por los momentos transformadores de su ministerio público cuando encaró enfermedades, demonios, incrédulos e hipócritas. Permitted que cada uno de estos momentos transfigurara más y más al mundo que le rodeaba en la imagen del reino de Dios. Cada uno de esos momentos también lo transfiguraron más en su camino a Jerusalén, al Calvario, a la tumba y a su eterna transfiguración en la resurrección.

**TRANSFIGURADOS POR LA TENTACIÓN**

Las palabras "discípulo" y "disciplina" son parientes cercanos. Personas de todas las clases sociales saben que nuestras transfiguraciones con frecuencia ocurren solamente cuando enfrentamos tiempos de prueba. Aquellos que se recuperan de alguna adicción saben que los continuos encuentros con tentaciones son fuente de crecimiento y fortaleza. Lo mismo se da con nosotros como discípulos fieles al renovar nuestras vidas mediante las disciplinas de Cuaresma. Necesitamos dejar a un lado la seducción de las tentaciones del egoísmo, la avaricia y los apetitos malsanos mediante el incremento de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna en nuestra vida. La mayoría de nosotros enfrenta a diario un "demonio", una enfermedad de cuerpo, mente o espíritu, sea en nosotros mismos o en el mundo en que vivimos. Con Cristo, somos llamados a confrontar la tentación en nosotros mismos o en los demás; y, como Cristo, encontramos nuestra verdadera y eterna transfiguración al hacer la voluntad del Padre. Por la gracia de Dios llegaremos un día a vivir en la gloria eterna de la resurrección, que también compartimos.

**COLECTA CATOLICA DE SERVICIOS HUMANITARIOS**

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizara La Colecta Católica de Servicios Humanitarios. Esta colecta financia a seis agencias católicas que benefician a millones de familias y de individuos vulnerables, desplazados y empobrecidos en todo el mundo. Los fondos provenientes de esta colecta marcan la diferencia en muchas vidas alrededor del mundo ya que estos sirven para prestar servicios humanitarios directos, ayudar a las victimas del trafico humano y a reunificar familias. Le ayudaras? La próxima semana, por favor, apoya la Colecta Católica de Servicios Humanitarios ya que estarás ayudando a Jesús con otro rostro.

**ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ**



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

Necesita ayuda para hacer su declaración de impuestos? Tendremos una persona especializada para ayudarle con su declaración de impuestos GRATIS los Sábados comenzando el Sábado 19 de Marzo del 2011 de 10 AM a 2PM en el Centro Tessier en la Iglesia Santa Gertrudis.

**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!

**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.