

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



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Deacon Michael C. Moss
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Deacon Rene Hernandez

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Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16
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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
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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 24, 2012**

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

Sunday, March 25, 2012 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:15 am - Rosary Society, Ramona Valdez
 Gabriel, Herson, Waldman & Jim Rivera (dec)
 Violine Mehala (dec)
 Father Frederick Anawanah—Thanksgiving
 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Por las almas del Purgatorio
 11:30 am - Cenovia Martinez (dec)
 Oscar Soria Suarez (dec)
 Julio Rene de la Cruz Morales (dec)
 Teofilo & Francisco Ceballos (dec)
 Luigi Crevoisier (salud / bienestar)
 Hilda Castillo (cumpleaños)
 Jorge Enrique Gonzalo (salud)
 Antonio Figueroa (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm - Winifred Bell Discher Valentine (dec)
 All the Souls in Purgatory

Monday, March 26, 2012—The Annunciation of the Lord

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Maude Baker (dec)

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mr. & Mrs. Voltaire Mathieu—Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 29, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, March 30, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Martin & Pearl Waldron (dec)
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Saturday, March 31, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Adam Joel Halsey—Thanksgiving
 5:00 pm - Mass available
 7:30 pm - Erick Rigoberto Herrera (cumpleaños)

Sunday, April 1, 2012 - Palm Sunday

- 8:15 am - Thomas Valentine—Thanksgiving
 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Mass available
 11:30 am - Misa disponible
 1:15 pm - Mass available

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Jer 31:31-34 * Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 * Jn 12:20-33
Mon * Is 7:10-14; 8:10 * Ps 40:7-11 * Lk 1:26-38
Tues * Nm 21:4-9 * Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 * Jn 8:21-30
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 * Ex 37:21-28 * Jer 31:10-13 * Jn 11:45-56

**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 - \$6124.00
Second Collection - \$1504.00

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2011):
 \$5616.95**

(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 –



Pray for ...

For the sick:

Duane Tucker, Voltaire Mathieu, Harold Harris, Hilda Castillo, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially Pauline Singh, Sister Dolores Foster CSJ.



VOCACIONES

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.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given for an
 Increase in Vocations.*

*The sanctuary candle is given for an
 Increase in Vocations.*

*The flowers are given is given for an
 Increase in Vocations.*



UNLESS
THE GRAIN
OF WHEAT . . .
DIES,
IT REMAINS
A GRAIN
OF WHEAT.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

NOT FOR MY SAKE . . .

We struggle with the meaning of losing our life in order to find it, of dying in order to live. In the covenant of our world, these contradictory concepts make no sense. But Jesus came to establish a new covenant, one of service and of love. "He learned obedience from what he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8). "Obedience" and "suffering" are two much misunderstood concepts. To obey means to listen and take to heart. Jeremiah speaks of God's law being written in our hearts, and that we will come to know our God. Psalm 51 cries out to God for "a clean heart," for it is with a clear conscience and clear vision that we will see God's will for us.

BUT FOR YOURS

Just as the prophets and the psalms proclaimed the true way to know and follow God, Jesus shows us in his teaching and in his life how we are to love and serve God and each other. The letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus' reverence for God that manifested itself in obedience and suffering, not for its own sake, but for ours and for the glory of God. This mutual love of God and humanity is made perfect in Jesus, and we begin to see how our suffering can serve others and give glory to God. Our work and our prayer are to be for the good of all, not just for our own benefit: "I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32). Jesus' goodness and his sacrifice attract us to him and show us the enormity of his love and care for us. He held nothing back that could help us find God.

"Where I am, there also will my servant be" (John 12:26). We look to Jesus for our help in loving God and each other, in giving glory to God and service to others. Our glory and honor lie in serving God and our neighbor with love and reverence.

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1920 New Haven Ave, FRNY
LAST NIGHT OF THE
2012 LENTEN MISSION

TUES MARCH 27 7PM

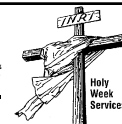
**Part I - BEING FAITHFUL TO THE
GOSPEL IN A SECULAR WORLD**

Part II - THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Director of Music
JOSEPH VILLADIEGO
Featuring Soloist
VIRGILIA SCHIAVONE

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 –Bilingual

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 & 11:45 AM - Spanish

& 1:15 PM - English

St. Gertrude: 9:45 AM – English



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.

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.



We the Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude are off to a wonderful start by:

"Sharing our Gifts to Build God's Kingdom in Brooklyn and Queens"

We have already received \$5358.00 in gifts so far this year. The total amount pledged as of March 19, 2012 is \$25,229.00 from 138 pledges. It is important to remember that once our parish reaches its target goal of \$44,489.00 (the same as in 2011), we will receive 100% of all the funds raised over our goal which will be used to help to take care of our local parish programs and expenses.

To make a contribution online, please visit us at:

www.rcdobdonate.org

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

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. Please call 718-945-2467.

Nuestra Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis ha tenido un maravilloso comienzo:

"Compartiendo Nuestros Dones Para Construir el Reino de Dios en Brooklyn y Queens"

Ya hemos recibido \$5358.00 en compromisos de 138 promesas. Esto es un promedio de \$38.00 por cada promesa. La cantidad total en promesas hasta el 19 de Marzo, 2012 es de \$25,229.00. Es muy importante que recordemos que después que la Parroquia haya alcanzado su meta de \$44,489.00 toda cantidad sobre esta meta regresara un 100% a la Parroquia. Todos los fondos recaudados serán usados para los programas e iniciativas necesarias en la Parroquia.

Para contribuir vía Internet, Favor de visitarnos:

www.rcdobdonate.org

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$6124.00****Segunda Colecta: \$1504.00****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5616.95****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!



*Si el grano
de trigo
no muere,
queda
infecundo*

**Quinto Domingo
de Cuaresma****NO POR MI BIEN . . .**

Tratamos de entender el significado de perder nuestra vida para encontrarla, de morir para vivir. En nuestro mundo actual, esos conceptos contradictorios no tienen sentido. Pero Jesús vino a establecer una nueva Alianza de amor y servicio. "Aprendió en su pasión lo que es obedecer". "Obediencia" y "sufrimiento" son dos palabras muy malentendidas. Obedecer significa escuchar y tomar las cosas en serio. Jeremías habla de la ley de Dios escrita en nuestro corazón, y que llegaremos a conocer a nuestro Dios. El Salmo 51 clama a Dios por "un corazón limpio", porque será con una conciencia y una visión claras que veremos la voluntad de Dios para nosotros.

SINO POR USTEDES

Así como los profetas y los salmos proclamaron el camino verdadero para conocer y seguir a Dios, Jesús nos muestra en su enseñanza y en su vida cómo debemos amar y servir a Dios y a los demás. La carta a los Hebreos habla de la reverencia que Jesús tenía hacia Dios y que se manifestaba en obediencia y sufrimiento, no en su propio bien sino en el nuestro y para la gloria de Dios. Este amor mutuo entre Dios y la humanidad se hace perfecto en Jesús, y empezamos a ver cómo nuestro sufrimiento puede servir a los demás y glorificar a Dios. Nuestras obras y oraciones son para el bien de todos, no solamente para nuestro propio beneficio. "Atraeré a todos hacia mí". La bondad de Jesús y su sacrificio nos atraen a él y nos muestran la grandeza de su amor y su atención por nosotros. Jesús no ocultó nada que pudiera ayudarnos a encontrar a Dios.

"Que donde yo esté también esté mi servidor".

Buscamos a Jesús para que nos ayude a amar a Dios y a los demás, a dar gloria a Dios y servir a los demás. Nuestra gloria y honor dependen de servir a Dios y nuestro prójimo con amor y reverencia.

**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.

**HORARIO DE LA
SEMANA SANTA****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—Bilingüe

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

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.