

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



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PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Michael C. Moss
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Deacon Candidate 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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Lillian Virginia Roundtree
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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: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples
- 5:00 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Maude Baker (dec)
- 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 Yopez (dec)
Gabriel, Herson, & Walderman Rivera (dec)
Oscar Soria (dec)
Eulalio Rojas (dec)
Ylda Castillo (salud)
Erick Rigoberto Herrera (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Ramona Valdez (dec)
Luz Quintana (dec)

Monday, March 28

- 8:00 am – For the children of the Parish
- 12:10 pm – Monsignor McKenna

Tuesday, March 29

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

Wednesday, March 30

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

Thursday, March 31

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

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

- 12:10 pm – Mass of Anointing of the Sick
- 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Gladys Martinez Caffyn (dec)

Sunday, April 3—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Maria Crespo (dec)
- 11:30 am – Ylda Castillo (salud)
Maria Quijada Canton (dec)
Mario Alberto Canton (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Eileen Steiger ((dec)
Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Mary Closs (healing)



Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Gladys Melendez, Tina Mendoza, Doreen Ward, Zoila Melpar, Mirian Olmo, Laura Paula Clarke and our faithful departed.

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 3-19 & 3-20 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Easter Mass Remembrance	Total Collection
5:00 PM	107	50	\$792.47	17	\$226.87	\$1,019.34
7:30 PM	222	25	\$324.45	14	\$197.30	\$521.75
8:15 AM	130	85	\$1,321.00	40	\$258.50	\$1,579.50
9:45 AM	247	67	\$881.05	32	\$272.92	\$1,153.97
11:30 AM	596	106	\$1,292.13	61	\$712.81	\$2,004.94
1:15 PM	208	41	\$887.85	23	\$208.84	\$1,096.69
2:30 PM	56	18	\$118.00	7	\$61.20	\$179.20
Totals	1566	392	\$5,616.95	194	\$1,938.44	\$7,555.39

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$7127.51

(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 * Ex 17:3-7 * Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 * Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mon * 2 Kgs 5:1-15b * Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 * Lk 4:24-30

Tues * Dn 3:25, 34-43 * Ps 25:4-9 * Mt 18:21-35

Wed * Dt 4:1, 5-9 * Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 * Mt 5:17-19

Thurs * Jer 7:23-28 * Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 * Lk 11:14-23

Fri * Hos 14:2-10 * Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17 * Mk 12:28-34

Sat * Hos 6:1-6 * Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b * Lk 18:9-14

SPECIAL COLLECTION

We have all seen the TV pictures of the devastation cause by the earthquake in Japan. In addition to our Sunday collection, we will be accepting your contribution to aid in the relief efforts. The monies collected will be sent to the effected Dioceses. Thank you for your support.



MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given in memory of **Maude Baker.***

*The candles are given in memory of **Maude Baker.***



Third Sunday of Lent

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Early Christians gave a name to the woman at the well from today's Gospel passage: Photina. It means "she who is enlightened" or "she who has received the light." This follows the biblical tradition of bestowing names upon characters to help us understand their role—and ours—in experiencing God's saving power. All of the evangelists, John in particular, make the characters who encounter Jesus prototypes for all of us. Like all of us, Photina doesn't "get it" at first. It takes a dialogue with Jesus (in this case, a rather argumentative one for her to admit who she is to herself, and for Jesus to help her discover where she might find the true streams of eternal, life-giving water. By the end of the encounter, she is enlightened. Her enlightenment is the reason the early church chose this as one of the Gospels always to be read for those newly seeking Christ, who will be enlightened and initiated in the new paschal light of the Easter Vigil.

NAME OR NO NAME?

Naming the woman at the well has fallen into disuse. In a way, especially for our society, naming things tends to be primarily about making them possessions. People name their pets, their houses, their cars, and so on. It was part of biblical naming tradition that giving or changing a name showed they were in God's possession, but their new names were also chosen to imbue them with the reality of a changed or new direction in life. Most often, today we just name things to show our ownership. So it may be a good thing that we no longer name this woman, for her name could be any one of our names, male or female. She could be—she is—all of us. All of us, in baptism, are named for Christ. We are "christened" and through our life, we bear our most important name: Christian. Lent calls us back to that name, back to a renewed dialogue with Christ, that we might once again be enlightened by the grace of his truth and love.

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.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

Almighty Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, we acknowledge
your goodness and how much you have
blessed us with your many gifts.

In your loving kindness, bless the Diocese of Brooklyn
and our Annual Catholic Appeal. Help us, your people,
to respond generously to your goodness by returning to you a
portion of what you have given to us through sacrificial giving.

May the Holy Spirit give us the wisdom to discern our true
needs and to recognize the many needs of those around us.

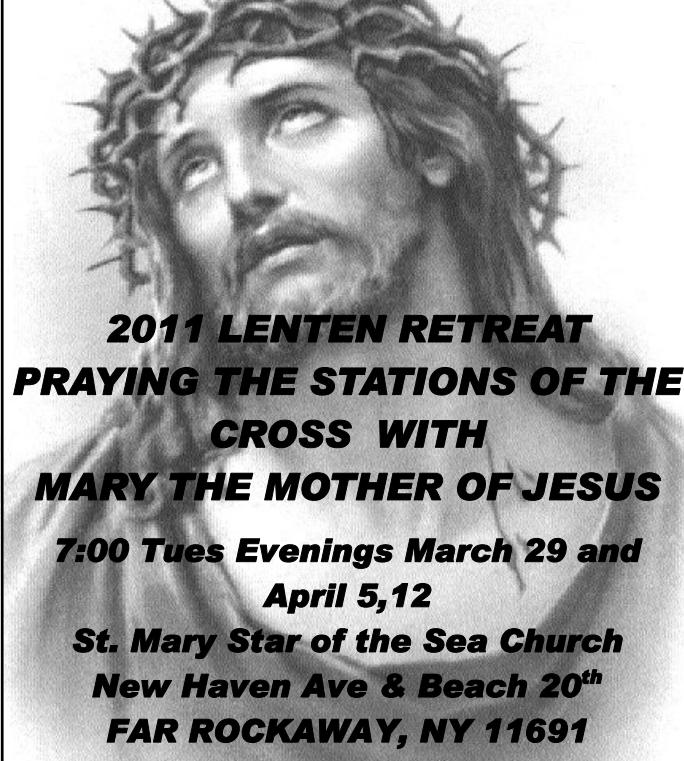
May the results of this Appeal reflect our commitment
to fulfill the promises of our Baptism by living in unity of faith
and by serving all who are in need.

May it advance the mission of your Church here in Brooklyn
and Queens and help us bring the good news of
Jesus Christ to all the world.

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, May 1, 2011. The cost of the trip is \$50.00
per person. Departure time 6:00 A.M. To reserve your seat
please contact Alicia Ortiz at 718-327-6508 or Concepcion at
718-440-1328.

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 29 and
April 5,12**

**St. Mary Star of the Sea Church
New Haven Ave & Beach 20th
FAR ROCKAWAY, NY 11691**

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

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

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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7555.39

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7127.51

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!

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 or call 718-318-8188.

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Today, we can support families that face difficulties most of us could not imagine, like famine, war, and life in refugee camps. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps families by working to reunite them, caring for vulnerable and exploited children, changing unjust laws, and providing pastoral care and humanitarian and emergency assistance across the globe. How will you help? Please be generous to this Collection.

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.

COLECTA ESPECIAL

Todos hemos visto en TV las imágenes del los devastadores daños causados por el terremoto en Japón. Además de nuestra colecta regular de los Domingos, estaremos aceptando su contribución para ayudar con los esfuerzos de alivio. Todo el dinero recaudado se enviará a la Diócesis afectada. Muchas gracias por todo su apoyo.



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.



Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

EL VALOR DE UN HOMBRE

Los primeros cristianos dieron un nombre a la mujer que estaba junto al pozo en el evangelio de hoy: Fotina, que significa "iluminada" o "la que recibió [la] luz". Esto sigue la tradición bíblica de otorgar nombres a personajes para ayudarnos a entender su papel –y el nuestro– al experimentar el poder salvífico de Dios. Todos los evangelistas, y Juan en particular, hacen de los personajes que encuentran a Jesús prototipos de todos nosotros. Al igual que nosotros, Fotina no entiende al principio. Se requiere un diálogo con Jesús (en este caso, uno más bien argumentativo), para que esta mujer admita a sí misma quién es ella, y para que Jesús la ayude a descubrir dónde puede encontrar el verdadero manantial de agua viva y eterna. Al final de este encuentro ella queda iluminada. Su iluminación es la razón por la cual la Iglesia primitiva eligió éste como uno de los evangelios que siempre se deben leer para aquellos que buscan a Cristo por primera vez y que serán iluminados e iniciados en la nueva luz de la Vigilia Pascual.

¿PONER O NO PONER NOMBRE?

El mencionar por nombre a la mujer junto al pozo ha caído en desuso. En cierto modo, y especialmente en nuestra sociedad, se tiende a poner nombre a las cosas con el fin primordial de poseerlas. Las personas suelen poner nombre a sus mascotas, casas, automóviles y demás. Era parte de la tradición bíblica que el dar o cambiar el nombre a alguien demostraba que pertenecían a Dios; pero su nombre nuevo se escogía también para imbuirle la realidad de un cambio o una nueva dirección en su vida. Con mucha frecuencia, hoy nombramos cosas sólo para demostrar que nos pertenecen; así es que, tal vez es mejor que ya no le demos nombre a esta mujer, ya que bien pudiera ser el nombre de cualquiera de nosotros, mujer u hombre. Todos nosotros recibimos en nuestro bautismo un mismo nombre, el cual denota que somos de Cristo. Somos "cristianizados" y a lo largo de nuestra vida llevamos nuestro nombre más importante: cristiano o cristiana. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para retornar a ese nombre, para renovar nuestro diálogo con Cristo, y así ser, una vez más, iluminados por la gracia de su verdad y de su amor.

LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS - Si usted tiene a un familiar o un amigo en servicio activo en las Fuerzas Armadas, favor de informar a la rectoría para que podamos reconocer su servicio y orar para que regrese a casa pronto.

COLECTA CATOLICA DE SERVICIOS HUMANITARIOS

Hoy podemos apoyar a familias que enfrentan unas dificultades que la mayoría de nosotros ni siquiera puede imaginar: la hambruna, la guerra y una vida en un campamento de refugiados. La Colecta Católica de Servicios Humanitarios ayuda a las familias trabajando para lograr su reunificación, cuidando a los niños vulnerables y explotados, cambiando leyes injustas y proporcionando cuidado pastoral y ayuda humanitaria y de emergencia en todo el mundo. **Le ayudaras?** Por favor, contribuye generosamente a esta Colecta.

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



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, 1 de Mayo del 2011. El costo es \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para reservar su asiento por favor póngase en contacto con Alicia Ortiz al 718-327-6508 o con Concepción al 718-440-1328.

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.