

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



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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, April 2*

- 12:10 pm – Mass for the children of the Parish  
 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)  
 7:30 pm – Gladys Martinez Caffyn (dec)  
     Paula Segura (dec)  
     Ricardo Alfredo Herrera (dec)  
     Miguel Andres Rosa (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

*Monday, April 4—St. Isidore*

- 8:00 am – For the children of the Parish  
 12:10 pm – Married Couples

*Tuesday, April 5—St. Vicente Ferrer*

- 8:00 am – Safety for those serving in the Armed Forces  
 12:10 pm – Nancy Farrell (dec)

*Wednesday, April 6*

- 8:00 am – Monsignor McKenna  
 12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound

*Thursday, April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle*

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

*Friday, April 8*

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples  
 7:30 pm – Carmelo Morales de la Cruz (dec)  
     Zoila Yopez (dec)  
     Manuel & Elizabeth Naves (dec)

*Saturday, April 9*

- 12:10 pm – Mass of Anointing of the Sick  
 5:00 pm – Vocations  
 7:30 pm – Manuel Dionicio Hoyos (dec)  
     Argelia Molina (dec)

*Sunday, April 10—Fifth Sunday of Lent*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish  
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Ana Garcia (dec)  
     Juan Aviles (dec)  
 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes, Ylda Castillo (salud)  
 1:15 pm – Edward Sr. & Edward Jr. McNelis ((dec)  
     Eugene Turner (dec)  
     Patrick Boyle (dec)

**Pray For** Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall,  
 Pedro Bonilla, William Anthony, Sixto  
 Rivera, Harris Mouton, Doreen Ward, Zoila Melpar, Mirian  
 Olmo, Laura Paula Clarke, Auddie Naraine and our faithful  
 departed: Nancy Farrell.

## 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 3-26 & 3-27 2011**

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Catholic Relief Services	Total Collection
5:00 PM	84	29	\$382.00	39	\$196.51	\$578.51
7:30 PM	215	37	\$299.00	11	\$171.69	\$470.69
8:15 AM	212	80	\$1,461.08	46	\$330.00	\$1,791.08
9:45 AM	191	50	\$614.17	33	\$283.22	\$897.39
11:30 AM	491	99	\$1,361.74	57	\$829.87	\$2,191.61
1:15 PM	205	49	\$786.34	21	\$207.92	\$994.26
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>\$4,904.33</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>\$2,019.21</b>	<b>\$6,923.54</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$7109.38****(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** \* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6  
 -9, 13-17, 34-38

**Mon** \* Is 65:17-21 \* Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b \* Jn 4:43-54

**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, 25-30

**Sat** \* Jer 11:18-20 \* Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 \* Jn 7:40-53

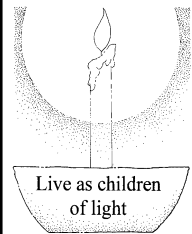
**DISASTER RELIEF**

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 Relief Services. These funds will be forwarded to  
 local dioceses in Japan to aid in the relief efforts.

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

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

*The Vigil candle is given in thanksgiving for Ahida  
 Cabrera.*



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### OTHER CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

Some early Christians gave the woman at the well from last week's Gospel the name "Photina," which means "she who has received light." We hear another story from John's Gospel today about someone who receives light, is enlightened. The man blind from birth receives the light of Christ by having the barrier of his blindness removed. In Jesus' day, being blind from birth was an important distinction to make: if one were blinded by an accident, it was not necessarily viewed as God's displeasure with one's sinfulness. But birth blindness was thought of as a sign of sinfulness, even a sign of the sinfulness of the individual's parents. Jesus breached the religious code and teaching of his day twice: by removing the obstacle purportedly placed there by God as a sign of the presence of sin, and doing so by committing the "sin" of working on the Sabbath, making mud to heal the blind man.

### LIVING AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

After the man born blind was healed, he could have done any number of things. He could have used his newly-received sight for good or for ill, or he could have just said "thanks" and gone on his way. When we receive the light of Christ in baptism, as well as God's anointing Spirit (as does David in today's first reading), we join the community of faith that professes Jesus Christ as the Light from Light, true God from true God. We are part of the Body of Christ—the church—who glorify God and worship Christ, as does the man born blind today. But we are called upon to do more. Ephesians tells us that we, who were blind but now see, are called to live, day by day, as children of that light. We don't just say "thanks" for our baptism. Rather, our vocation is to live out that thanks by doing deeds of light, by spreading the gospel of the joy, justice, beauty, and peace we find in Jesus. This is one of the intentions of our Lenten disciplines, to help us leave behind the deeds of darkness and to live out the light of the Good News.

### A BLESSING FOR OUR PARISH

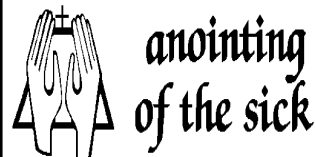
This past week I received a letter which began:

"It is with great joy that I wish to inform you that Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has accepted the recommendations of those who have been involved in Mr. Rene Hernandez's process of formation and evaluation to call him to the Order of Deacons."

Rene will be ordained on Saturday, May 28th, 2011.

Next Sunday at the 11:30 A.M. Mass, will make his Profession of Faith and take the Oath of Fidelity which are required prior to ordination.

Congratulations to Rene, his wife and family!



On Saturday, April 9th we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 12:10 P.M. Mass.

The frail and elderly, those suffering from chronic illnesses are invited to receive this special sacrament as a moment of grace in preparation for Easter.

### 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!

### 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!

### Holy Week Services – 2011

#### Palm Sunday Masses

##### St. Mary's

Saturday: 5:00 PM — English & 7:30 PM Spanish

Sunday: 8:15 AM — English

9:45, 11:30, 11:45 AM — Spanish

1:15 PM — English

##### St. Gertrude

Sunday: 9:45 A.M. - English

#### RECONCILIATION MONDAY AT ST. MARY'S

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

#### MORNING PRAYER: Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday - 9 A.M.

St. Mary's – Spanish

St. Gertrude - English

#### HOLY THURSDAY

##### St. Mary's

7:30 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper Visit to the Repository until Midnight

#### Good Friday

##### St. Mary's

12 Noon Stations of the Cross - English

3:00 & 7:30 P.M. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - Spanish

##### St. Gertrude

1:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross – Bilingual followed by a procession to St. Mary's

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

#### Holy Saturday

St. Mary's - 8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Mass in the Gym

#### Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

##### St. Mary's

8:15 AM— English

9:45, 11:30, 11:45 AM— Spanish

1:15 PM— English

##### St. Gertrude

9:45 A.M. English

**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.

### **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 April 5, 12  
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church  
New Haven Ave & Beach 20<sup>th</sup>  
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

#### **THE JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church located at 68 Wanser Ave. Inwood, will be hosting this beautiful performance of the Crucifixion. It will be held in the Church on Wed. April 6th at 8:00 A.M. Admission is free, but we ask that you bring a can or two of vegetables for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. There also will be a free will offering if you would like to contribute.

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**

Domingo Pasado: \$6923.54

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7109.38

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!

**Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma****OTROS HIJOS DE LA LUZ**

Algunos de los primeros

cristianos dieron a la mujer que estaba junto al pozo en el evangelio de la semana pasada el nombre de "Fotina", que significa "la que recibió luz". Hoy escuchamos otro relato del Evangelio según san Juan en el que alguien recibe luz, o sea, es iluminado. El hombre ciego de nacimiento recibe la luz de Cristo cuando desaparece el impedimento de su ceguera. En tiempos de Jesús se hacía una importante distinción si la persona era ciega de nacimiento, pues, si uno quedaba ciego por accidente, no necesariamente se consideraba como castigo de Dios por los pecados de uno; por otro lado, se creía que la ceguera de nacimiento era señal de pecaminosidad y hasta señal de la pecaminosidad de los padres de la persona. Jesús rompió dos veces el código y la enseñanza religiosa de su tiempo al remover el impedimento, erróneamente creído impuesto por Dios como señal de pecado, y cuando "cometió el pecado" de hacer barro para devolver la vista al ciego en día sábado.

**VIVIR COMO HIJOS DE LA LUZ**

Después de ser sanado, el ciego de nacimiento pudo haber hecho varias cosas. Pudo haber usado su reciente adquirida vista para bien o para mal, o pudo simplemente haber dicho "gracias" y continuar su camino. Cuando recibimos la luz de Cristo en el bautismo, así como la unción del Espíritu de Dios (como David en la primera lectura de hoy), nos unimos a la comunidad de fe que profesa a Jesucristo como Luz de Luz y Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero. Somos parte del Cuerpo de Cristo —la Iglesia— que glorifica a Dios y adora a Cristo, como lo hace hoy el hombre ciego de nacimiento. Sin embargo, somos llamados a hacer más. La carta a los efesios nos dice que nosotros, que fuimos ciegos mas ahora vemos, somos llamados a vivir diariamente como hijos e hijas de la luz. No meramente decimos "gracias" por nuestro bautismo. Más bien, nuestra vocación es vivir esa gratitud al hacer las obras de la luz, al compartir el evangelio de gozo, justicia, belleza y paz que encontramos en Jesús. Ésta es una de las intenciones de las disciplinas de la Cuaresma, para ayudarnos a dejar atrás las obras de la oscuridad y vivir a la luz de la Buena Noticia.

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

**UNA BENDICIÓN PARA NUESTRA PARROQUIA**

Esta semana pasada recibí una carta la cual decía: "Es con la gran alegría que deseo informarle que el Obispo Nicholas DiMarzio ha aceptado las recomendaciones de aquellos que han estado envueltos en el proceso formación y evaluación del Sr. Rene Hernandez para llamarlo a la Orden de Diáconos."

René será ordenado el sábado, 28 de mayo del 2011.

El próximo domingo en la misa de las 11:30 A.M. hará su Profesión de Fe y hará el Juramento de Fidelidad que son requeridos antes de la ordenación.

¡Muchas Felicidades a René, su esposa y a su familia!

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**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**

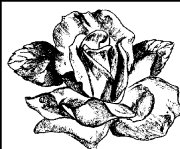
Los invitamos a venir al Carnaval de Primavera .  
Abril 8th y 9th

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.