

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



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25
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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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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, 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)
 Jose Luis Vargas (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)
 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes, Ylda Castillo (salud)
 Morena Garcia (dec)
 Maria Luisa & Diego Zipriano (15 aniv.)
 1:15 pm – Edward Sr. & Edward Jr. McNelis ((dec)
 Eugene Turner (dec)
 Patrick Boyle (dec)
 The George Family—Thanksgiving

Monday, April 11—St. Stanislaus

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

Tuesday, April 12

- 8:00 am – Safety for those serving in the Armed Forces
 12:10 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Wednesday, April 13

- 8:00 am – For the children of the Parish
 12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound

Thursday, April 14

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

Friday, April 15

- 12:10 pm – Monsignor McKenna
 7:30 pm – Vocaciones

Saturday, April 16

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
 5:00 pm – Ronald J. Zogby (dec)
 7:30 pm – Cindy Erroa (cumpleaños)

Sunday, April 17—Palm Sunday

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude)
 9:45 am – (St. Mary)
 11:30 am – Jairo Canton (cumpleaños)
 11:45 am – Por los difuntos de nuestra parroquia
 1:15 pm – James & Mary McNelis ((dec)
 Consejo Villadiego (dec)
 Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Pray For

Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Doreen Ward, Mirian Olmo, Laura Paula Clarke, Auddie Naraine, Joyce Norden 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 CollectionWeekend of 4-2 & 4-3-2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Easter Flowers	Total Collection
5:00 PM	76	35	\$660.10	13	\$237.01	\$897.11
7:30 PM	238	30	\$302.09	22	\$120.50	\$422.59
8:15 AM	216	77	\$1,487.71	44	\$383.61	\$1,871.32
9:45 AM	205	74	\$1,027.26	37	\$230.76	\$1,258.02
11:30 AM	456	122	\$1,490.96	61	\$489.16	\$1,980.12
1:15 PM	197	84	\$1,132.67	31	\$371.93	\$1,504.60
Easter Mass Rem		19	\$171.00			
Totals	1388	441	\$6,271.79	208	\$1,832.97	\$7,933.76

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$9264.91

(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 * Ez 37:12-14 * Ps 130:1-8 * Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mon * Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 * Ps 23:1-6 * Jn 8:1-11

Tues * Nm 21:4-9 * Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 * Jn 8:21-30

Wed * Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 * Dan 3:52-56 * Jn 8:31-42

Thurs * Gen 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 * Ez 37:21-28 * Jer 31:10-13 * Jn 11:45-56

CATHOLIC CHARITIES—Catholic Charities has opened a field office at St. Camillus, 99-15 Rockaway Blvd. The office is open Wednesdays from 9:30 AM until Noon or by appointment—718-217-1238.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister.***

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

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

THE CRESCENDO OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

The Gospel readings of the past several weeks form a sort of "crescendo" as they build in intensity toward the capstone of our Lenten season: Holy Week. Jesus tells the woman at the well the secrets of her life, secrets he could not, should not have known, and promises her the never-ending salvation of his living waters. The man blind from birth has light restored to his eyes, as Jesus the Light from Light overcomes the man's ailment as a sign of removing the sin that those around him believed was in him. Today Jesus answers Martha's critique of his late arrival by informing her that Lazarus has died for the same reason the man had been born blind: that God might be given glory for being the light and life of the world. We have been following the road to Jesus' destiny that John's Gospel has been tracing for us: to the place where the Father would be given the ultimate glory in his passion, death, and resurrection.

LIVING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

Sometimes we need Jesus to walk that same sort of road with us. We need him to see into our hearts and pry open for us those secrets that we try to keep from ourselves, from others, and from God. We think that a life situation, illness, or ailment is somehow a retribution for some wrong that we have done, and we must seek Jesus Christ to take us past that moment into a place of healing. And when death itself enters or touches our lives somehow, we are called upon to place our ultimate trust and faith in Jesus Christ alone. He can take our chiding for not making our lives tribulation-free; but beyond that he can weep with us as he wept at the tomb of Lazarus. He can be with us in the most woeful times of darkness and death, and transform them into God's glorious day of resurrected new life, for he died our very human death. When we—as Thomas says today—"go to die with him," filled with faith that he is Resurrection and Life, then we also—as we hear in the Letter to the Romans—will live and reign with him in everlasting glory.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

In English on Monday Night
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!

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. April 12

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church
Far Rockaway, NY



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude cordially invite you to the Mother's Day Celebration on Sat. May 7, 2011 -8:30 PM in the School Auditorium. Admission: \$20 per person.

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.

A BLESSING FOR OUR PARISH

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

This Sunday at the 11:30 A.M. Mass he 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!

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude
Invite you to join us to see

SISTER ACT ON BROADWAY

Saturday, June 4, 2011
Matinee Show 2:00 P.M.

Cost: \$85 per person (adult and children)

The bus leave St. Mary's at 12 Noon

Money is due by April 17th.

For more information and reservations contact Susan
718-327-1133 x 25 or Joyce George—718-471-0663

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7933.76

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$9264.91

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!



Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

EL CRESCENDO DEL EVANGELIO DE JUAN

Las lecturas del evangelio de las últimas semanas forman una especie de “crescendo” hasta llegar a la culminación del tiempo de Cuaresma: la Semana Santa. Jesús le dice a la mujer junto al pozo los secretos de la vida de ella, secretos que él no pudo ni debió conocer y le promete la salvación eterna de su agua viva. El ciego de nacimiento recibe la luz para sus ojos cuando Jesús, Luz de Luz, vence la aflicción del hombre como signo de que le ha quitado el presunto pecado que aquéllos a su alrededor le apuntaban. Hoy Jesús responde a la crítica que le hace Marta por su tardía llegada, informándole que Lázaro ha muerto para dar gloria a Dios por ser la luz y la vida del mundo. Ésta es la misma razón por la que el hombre había nacido ciego. Hemos estado siguiendo el camino que conduce al destino de Jesús y que el Evangelio según san Juan nos ha ido señalando : hacia su pasión, muerte y resurrección, donde el Padre recibirá la máxima gloria.

VIVIENDO EN LA LUZ Y LA VIDA

A veces necesitamos que Jesús camine por la misma senda con nosotros. Necesitamos que él mire dentro de nuestro corazón y saque a la luz aquellos secretos que tratamos de dejar ocultos ante nosotros mismos, ante los demás y ante Dios. Pensamos que ciertas situaciones en la vida, una enfermedad o dolencia son, de alguna manera, un castigo por algo malo que hicimos. Debemos buscar a Jesucristo para que nos ayude a atravesar por ese momento hasta llegar a la sanación. También cuando la muerte misma se asoma de alguna forma a nuestra vida, debemos poner nuestra total confianza y fe solamente en Jesucristo. Él puede escuchar nuestros reproches por no habernos dado una vida libre de tribulaciones; pero más aún, él puede llorar con nosotros como lo hizo ante la tumba de Lázaro. Él puede estar junto a nosotros en los momentos más tristes de oscuridad y de muerte, y transformarlos en el día glorioso de una nueva vida resucitada, puesto que él murió la misma clase de muerte humana destinada a nosotros. Como dice hoy Tomás, cuando “vayamos también nosotros a morir con él”, llenos de fe en que él es la resurrección y la vida, entonces, tal como escuchamos en la carta a los romanos, viviremos y reinaremos con él en la gloria eterna.

UNA BENDICIÓN PARA NUESTRA PARROQUIA

René Hernandez será ordenado a la Orden de Diáconos el sábado, 28 de mayo del 2011.

Este domingo en la misa de las 11:30 A.M. El 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!

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.

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.



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 a las 8:30 PM en el Auditorio de la Escuela Santa María. Admisión: \$20 por persona.

Santa María y Santa Gertrudis los invita a ver

SISTER ACT ON BROADWAY

Sábado 4 de Junio del 2011
Matinée a las 2:00 P.M.

Costo: \$85 por persona (adultos y niños)
El autobús saldrá a las 12:00 del medio día de Santa María!
Haga su reservación con tiempo. Deberá pagar su reservación para el 17 de Abril.

Para mas información y reservaciones favor de contactar a Susan—718-327-1133 x 25 o a Joyce George—718-471-0663.

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.