

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



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Deacon Michael C. Moss
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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
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PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

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 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) Married Couples
 9:45 am – (St. Mary) Vocations
 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

Monday, April 18

- 8:00 am – For the children of the Parish
 12:10 pm – Nancy Farrell (dec)

Tuesday, April 19

- 8:00 am – Nigel Singh—Thanksgiving
 12:10 pm – Erica Acosta (dec)

Wednesday, April 20

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

Thursday, April 21

- 7:30 pm – Cita Mercedes Fernandez (dec)
 Cantalisa Brea (dec)

Friday, April 22

- 12:00 pm – Stations of the Cross
 1:30 pm – St. Gertrude—Stations of the Cross (bilingual)
 3:00 pm – Liturgia de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor
 7:30 pm – Liturgia de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor
 7:30 pm – St. Gertrude -Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 23

- 8:00 pm – (Easter Vigil) John Schiavone (dec)

Sunday, April 24—Easter Sunday

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Souls in Purgatory
 Iremise Ocean Family (dec)
 9:45 am – (St. Mary)
 11:30 am – Candido Antonio Rodriguez (dec)
 Gabriel, Herson & Walderman Rivera (dec)
 Salustiano Colon (dec)
 11:45 am – Por los difuntos de nuestra Parroquia
 1:15 pm – Charles Kickler ((dec)
 Anthony Thoes & Leonard David George
 Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

**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

Last weeks collection: No available

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.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for

Rosalie McAllister.

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for

Rosalie McAllister.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Is 50:4-7 * Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 * Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Mon * Is 42:1-7 * Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 * Jn 12:1-11

Tues * Is 49:1-6 * Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab, 15,17 * Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wed * Is 50:4-9a * Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 * Mt 26:14-25

Thurs * Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 * Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 * Jn 13:1-15

Fri * Is 52:13-53:12 * Ps 31:2,6,12-13, 15-17, 25 * Jn 18:1-9:42

Sat * Gen 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31 * Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20,22 * Matt 28:1-10

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.

PLEASE 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.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

THE JOURNEY NEARS ITS END

On any long journey it is only natural to tire as we progress; we often need, as we near our destination, a bit of a "boost" to help us make it through the last leg of the trip. The triumphant beginning of Passion Sunday serves that purpose. It energizes our Lenten pilgrimage so we have the stamina to walk the last few—and by far most difficult—days with Jesus in Jerusalem. As our blessed palms stir the air around us in triumph, we should ask ourselves how committed we truly are to taking these last steps with him. Perhaps we might choose a "traveling companion" with whom we can identify. Would it be Judas or disloyal Peter? Perhaps one of those who waved palm fronds with enthusiastic sincerity, but who later mocked Jesus when his fortunes seemed to turn? Maybe we would choose Simon, to help carry his cross; perhaps the brave, faithful women who went to Calvary, who waited with linen and myrrh to honor his dead body. Or we might identify with the pagan Roman centurion, who made his profession of faith at the foot of the cross.

WHO WILL CHRIST SAY THAT I AM?

The story of the Passion contains many characters with whom we can identify; likewise it features a whole range of emotions, from the glory of Palm Sunday's beginnings to the insistent command of Christ that we imitate him by washing feet as our remembrance of him. He also commanded that we eat of the bread that is his body and drink of the cup that he will drink these days, filled with the blood of the new covenant. Ultimately, we—who are the Body of Christ through our baptism—must identify with Jesus Christ at the end of this Lenten trek. We must be witnesses to the humility and compassion he showed, even in the face of adversity, suffering, hatred, and rejection. Like him, with renewed energy, we must turn away from any desire to seek or justify revenge; instead, we must continually extend our hands in forgiveness, healing, and tenderness. As Christ, our reconciling embrace must stretch wide open, until we resemble him, arms stretched wide on the cross of our salvation.

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

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.



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 to 2:00 A.M. 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.

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

2nd Annual Healing Mass In Honor of

SAINT PEREGRINE

Patron of those suffering from cancer

Patients-Survivors -Families-Friends

Monday, May 2, 2011—7:00 P.M.

Cathedral of Saint Patrick

New York, NY

Blessing with a relic of St. Peregrine & Communal Rite of the
Anointing of the Sick.

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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: No esta disponible****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: No esta disponible****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!



Domingo de Ramos en la Pasión del Señor

EL FINAL DE LA JORNADA SE APROXIMA

Es natural que en cualquier jornada larga nos sintamos cansados a medida que avanzamos. Al acercarnos a nuestro destino a menudo sentimos la necesidad de un "impulso" que nos ayude en el último tramo del camino. El comienzo triunfal del Domingo de la Pasión del Señor cumple este propósito. Nos da energía en nuestra peregrinación de Cuaresma para que tengamos el vigor requerido para caminar los últimos y, sin duda, los más difíciles días con Jesús en Jerusalén. Mientras se levantan al aire nuestros ramos en una actitud triunfal, debemos preguntarnos cuán verdaderamente comprometidos estamos para caminar estos últimos pasos con el Señor. Tal vez escojamos un "compañero de viaje" con quien nos identificamos. ¿Será Judas o el desleal Pedro? ¿Caminaremos quizás con alguien que, con sincero entusiasmo agitó los ramos en la procesión, pero más tarde, cuando la suerte de Jesús cambió, se burló de él? Quizá elijamos a Simón, quien le ayudó a cargar la cruz, o quizá a las valientes y fieles mujeres que fueron hasta el Calvario y aguardaron provistas de lino y mirra para honrar el cuerpo sin vida de Jesús. Aun tal vez nos identifiquemos con el pagano centurión romano quien hizo su profesión de fe al pie de la cruz.

¿QUIÉN DIRÁ CRISTO QUE SOY YO?

El relato de la pasión contiene muchos personajes con quienes podemos identificarnos; asimismo, presenta toda una gama de emociones, desde la gloria de sus comienzos en el Domingo de Ramos hasta el insistente mandato de Cristo de que debemos imitarlo lavando pies en su memoria. También nos mandó que comiéramos del pan que es su cuerpo y bebiéramos del cáliz del cual él beberá en estos días, que contiene la sangre de la nueva alianza. Por último, nosotros — que somos el Cuerpo de Cristo por nuestro bautismo— debemos identificarnos con Jesucristo al final del camino de la Cuaresma. Debemos ser testigos de la humildad y compasión que él demostró aun frente a la adversidad, el sufrimiento, el odio y el rechazo. Con renovada energía, tal como él lo hizo, debemos rechazar todo deseo de buscar la venganza o justificarla; más bien, debemos extender continuamente nuestras manos ofreciendo perdón, consuelo y ternura. Como Cristo, nuestro abrazo reconciliador debe extenderse amplio y abierto, hasta que nos asemejemos a él, cuyos brazos se extendieron ampliamente sobre la cruz por nuestra salvación.

SEMANA SANTA—2011

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Misa en Sta. María

Sábado: 5:00 PM — Ingles & 7:30 PM Español

Domingo: 8:15 AM — Ingles

9:45, 11:30, 11:45 AM — Español

1:15 PM — Ingles

Sta. Gertrudis

Domingo: 9:45 A.M. - Ingles

RECONCILIACION EL LUNES EN STA. MARIA

Confesiones: De 3 P.M. a 9 P.M.

Oración de la Mañana: Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo & Sábado de Gloria - 9 A.M.

Sta. María – Español

Sta. Gertrudis - Ingles

JUEVES SANTO

Sta. María

7:30 P.M. Misa de la Cena del Señor

Repositorio estará abierto hasta la medianoche

VIERNES SANTO

Sta. María

12 PM Estaciones de la Cruz - Ingles

3:00 & 7:30 P.M. Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor - Español

Sta. Gertrudis

1:30 P.M. Estaciones de la Cruz – Bilingüe seguida por la procesión a Santa María

7:30 P.M. Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor - Ingles

Sábado de Gloria

Sta. María - 8:00 P.M. Misa de la Vigilia Pascual

Domingo de Pascua – Misa de la Resurrección del Señor

Sta. María—8:15 AM— Ingles

9:45, 11:30, 11:45 AM—Español

1:15 PM—Ingles

Sta. Gertrudis—9:45 A.M. 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, 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 Santa María. Admisión: \$20 por persona.