

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



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Rev. James K. Cunningham, Ext. 22

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Rev. Jean Yvon Pierre Ext. 27

## **ST. GERTRUDE'S OFFICE**

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## **PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**

Deacon Antonio Bobadilla

Deacon Michael C. Moss

Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero

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## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Ms. Carla Ramos, Ext. 11

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## **IN RESIDENCE:**

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18

Rev. Augustine Emeh, Ext. 17

## **SATURDAY EVENING MASSES:**

5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

## **SUNDAY MASSES:**

8:15, 9:45 (St. Gertrude's), 11:30, 1:15

## **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

8:00 & 12:10 (Fridays 7:30 PM in Spanish)

9:00 (St. Gertrude's - Bi-lingual - Thursday only)

## **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays at 3:30 to 4:30 PM, Mondays 7:30 to 8:30 PM  
or by appointment.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Every Monday after  
the 12:10 Mass

**EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED  
SACRAMENT:** First Sundays 2:00 - 3:00 PM and First  
Fridays 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:**

Maria Beyra, Director, 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

**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 their child. A 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

**Rosary Society:** 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Spanish: Mon. 7:00 PM - Rectory

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**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 - Sundays 2:00 P.M. - 3:30  
P.M. in Rectory basement.

**Charismatic Youth Prayer Group:** Thursday 7:30 P.M.

**Prayer Group in English every Tuesday 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 17*

- 12:10 pm – Grace Abella (dec)  
 5:00 pm – Consejo Villadiego (dec)  
 Richard Wroblewski (dec)  
 7:30 pm – Misa por la Comunidad  
 Argelia Molina (dec), Ana Hernandez (dec)  
 Martin Oscar Menjivar (dec)  
 Valentina Rivas (dec)  
 Rodolfo Chicas (cumpleaños)  
 Jairo Canton (cumpleaños)

*Sunday, April 18– Third Sunday of Easter*

- 8:15 am – Clemente Ferrari  
 E. Marie St Fleur (dec)  
 9:45 am – Ramon Montero (dec),  
 Monseratte Gonzales (dec)  
 11:30 am – Rev. James J. Mueller (dec)  
 Matrimonios del Grupo  
 de Evangelización Familiar  
 Albin Azcona—Acción de Gracias  
 Virgen de la Altigracia—Acción de Gracias  
 1:15 pm – Santiago Family—Thanksgiving  
 Grace Abella (dec)  
 Courtney Felix (birthday)

*Monday, April 19*

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

*Tuesday, April 20*

- 8:00 am – Yvette Friedberg  
 12:10 pm – Grace Abella (dec)

*Wednesday, April 21—St. Anselm, bishop*

- 8:00 am – Patrick Lynch (dec)  
 12:10 pm – Rev. James J. Mueller (dec)

*Thursday, April 22*

- 8:00 am – Maria Griffith (dec), Cita M. Hernandez (dec)  
 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude  
 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Friday, April 23—St. George & St. Adalbert*

- 8:00 pm – Maria Griffith (dec)  
 12:10 pm – Percival Riveaux—Thanksgiving  
 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

*Saturday, April 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

- 12:10 pm – Patrick Lynch (dec)  
 5:00 pm – Monica McCabe (dec)  
 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

*Sunday, April 25– Fourth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People  
 Rev. James J. Mueller (dec)  
 9:45 am – Gabina Rosario (dec)  
 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes  
 Mario Canton (dec)  
 Mario Alberto Canton (dec)  
 Eli & Leonor Becerra (25 aniv.)  
 1:15 pm – Yvette Friedberg (dec)

## 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 4-10 & 4-11 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env	1st Collection	# of Env	Retired Priests	Total Collection
5:00 PM	87	39	\$762.26	27	\$211.31	\$973.57
7:30 PM	187	48	\$441.50	22	\$193.65	\$635.15
8:15 AM	182	62	\$1,021.41	36	\$241.01	\$1,262.42
9:45 AM	150	67	\$825.73	39	\$253.38	\$1,079.11
11:30 AM	435	110	\$1,280.60	52	\$383.30	\$1,663.90
1:15PM	185	44	\$812.71	30	\$218.87	\$1,031.58
Other			<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
					\$	
<b>Totals</b>	1376	370	\$ 5,144.21	206	1,501.52	\$ 6,645.73

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$8053.21**

**(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** \* Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 \* Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 \* Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**Mon** \* Acts 6:8-15 \* Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 \* Jn 6:22-29

**Tues** \* Acts 7:51-8:1a \* Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab \* Jn 6:30-35

**Wed** \* Acts 8:1b-8 \* Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a \* Jn 6:35-40

**Thurs** \* Acts 8:26-40 \* Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 \* Jn 6:44-51

**Fri** \* Acts 9:1-20 \* Ps 117:1, 2 \* Jn 6:52-59

**Sat** \* Acts 9:31-42 \* Ps 116:12-17 \* Jn 6:60-69

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

The bread and wine are given in memory of **Olimpia B. Stavile.**

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for **Robert Cunningham.**

The flowers are given is given in memory of **Olimpia B. Stavile.**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend our parish is honored to welcome Bishop Callistus V. Onaga, Bishop of Enugu, Nigeria, who is on a pastoral visit to the United States. Bishop Onaga is Father Austin's Diocesan Bishop. Today (Sunday) the bishop will be celebrating the 1:15 P.M. Mass. I am also very happy to welcome the different Nigerian Catholic communities from around the diocese and the state to our parish for this special celebration. I know that all of you join me in welcoming Bishop Onaga and in thanking him for sending us such a wonderful priest in the person of Father Austin.

On Wednesday of this past week Mr. Rene Hernandez of our parish was installed to the Ministry of Acolyte by the bishop in preparation for his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. The celebration was beautiful and we rejoice in Rene beginning this next step in becoming a deacon. I am grateful to him and to his wife Olivia for their willingness to discern his vocation. He has been studying hard over the last three years. Rene will now begin his liturgical ministry on Sundays by serving as an acolyte at Mass and distributing Holy Communion. Let us continue to pray for him as he prepares to become our newest deacon.

There are still a few copies of the book "My Life With the Saints" by Father James Martin available at the rectory in English. Our book discussion group will be meeting on Monday evenings beginning on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The English group will meet in the rectory at 7:00 P.M. and the Spanish group will meet at 8:15 P.M. The first week we will discuss the chapter on St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ignatius of Loyola. All are welcome. If you would like more information or need a copy of the book please let me know.

Our parish now has its' own Facebook and YouTube pages. Please check them out by searching for St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude on either sight. You will find great pictures and videos. We are also in the process of changing and upgrading our parish web site. We hope to have it totally up and running in the next two weeks.

With Love in Christ,

Father Jim

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**Pray for** Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Bishop Joseph ... Sullivan, Msgr. Dino Zeni, Msgr. Cosmo Saporito, Mary Waldron, Calixte Rodolphe, Rudy Vargas, Angela Rivara, John Rivara, Zoila Yopez, Pedro Bonilla, Levonne Williams, Beverly Smith, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Linda Doyle, Barbara King, Donna Mohammed, Beulah Harris, Santos Rodriguez and the Faithful Departed: Carmela De La Cruz, Anthony Robert Baez.

*Father Vincent Gallo will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ordination to the priesthood at St. Pancreas Church, 72-22 68<sup>th</sup> St in Glendale, Queens, on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 12:30PM.*

*Bus service will be available from St. Mary, leaving the Church at 11:00 AM for those who would like to attend. The donation for the bus is \$5.00 per person.*

*Please call either rectory, to reserve your seat on the bus, by May 10, 2010.*

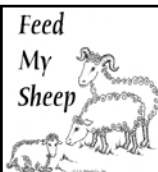
***St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church  
Beach 20<sup>th</sup> St. and New Haven Avenue, FR  
New York***

***St. Anthony Novena  
& Benediction  
7pm Tuesday Evenings  
April 20<sup>th</sup>  
through  
June 15<sup>th</sup> 2010***

*Christ Jesus, Our Hope, A Diocesan Strategic Plan of Renewal*, has begun in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Part of this process invites each parish to consider its own future, but to do so in light of the larger diocesan church. As parishioners and parish leaders engage in a critical reflection on the current and future life of their parish, a broader understanding of the challenges faced by the entire Diocese is also needed.

To this end, the Planning Commission for Christ Jesus our Hope will issue a **four-part Diocesan Report beginning on Friday, April 16, 2010**. Each week will examine a different aspect of diocesan life. Part One present the overall pastoral life of the diocese, including an examination of sacramental celebrations, Mass attendance and faith formation. Subsequent reports will look at finances, demographics and parish leadership.

If you wish to read the entire text for Part One of the Diocesan Report, please visit [www.ChristJesusOurHope.com](http://www.ChristJesusOurHope.com). A summary of Part One will also appear in this weekend's edition of *The Tablet*.



**Feed My Sheep** VOCATIONS – ***Third Sunday of Easter***  
"Feed My lambs, tend My sheep." If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, speak with a priest or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).



## Third Sunday of Easter

### WITNESS TO THE WORD

The scene in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles today evokes memories of Jesus' trial in the Gospels. This is the author's intention, so as to show clearly the link between what Jesus did, what the apostles are doing, and what we are called to do for the sake of the Name. Just as Jesus spoke the truth of the message of salvation before the high court, so Peter and the apostles fearlessly proclaim their witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. How easy it would have been to lie, to deny Jesus; they would have escaped with their good name. Yet they understood that denying Jesus meant losing everything. They would lose not only themselves, but also the Christian community that was just beginning to come together. They took their stand to show other members of the church of Christ that the Good News is indeed a truth worth living for—and dying for.

### FEED MY SHEEP

John's Gospel today also echoes an earlier Gospel scene, the scene of Peter's denial of Jesus. Jesus goes out with the disciples to fish, as he must have done many times during his life. And they catch so many fish, it seems as if they have caught all the fish in the world. Then Jesus offers Peter another chance, and this time Peter does not fail. "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you" (John 21:15). And Jesus explains the cost of that love. For Peter is being charged with tending the sheep, catching the fish. Following Jesus means not just living the Good News, but spreading the word. It means forming and tending communities, building and spreading the church of Christ throughout the world. That's Peter's mission, and by virtue of our baptism it's our mission as well. We are called to live and proclaim the Good News of salvation, to live in a way that builds up the community of Christ. We are called to witness to the world the Christian way of life. We all have to catch the fish and feed the sheep.

### *Adopt-a-Priest corner*

*"Let your word, Father, be a lamp for our feet and a light to our path, so that we may understand what you wish to teach us and follow the path your light marks out for us."*

*This Easter season, we pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may be zealous and prepare for you a people devoted to every good work.*

**The jubilee 'Year of the Priest' will end on June 20, 2010. You still have time to 'adopt a priest' and let him know how much you appreciate his love for God and for the people of God.**

*Place all your troubles and worries in God's hand*

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Sponsor by THE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OFFICE of the DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN on Monday Evenings beginning on April 19 thru May 17 at 7:30 P.M. in the St. Mary Star of the Sea School Auditorium. Donation \$10. All are welcome to this joyful spirit-filled experience.

**PARISH ASSEMBLY**—As part of the 2010 diocesan strategic planning process, we will hold a parish assembly on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 2:30 in St. Mary School auditorium. We will review the pastoral and financial life of our parish. All parishioners are invited to participant in, and to offer input on the questions regarding the future of our parish. **All Parishioners are invited; all Parishioners are encouraged to attend.** The contribution of your thoughts and ideas will be greatly appreciated. Remember, we all have a stake in the future of our parish. We look forward to seeing you on April 25, 2010.

### Overnight Pilgrimage Trip to Washington, D.C.

Friday night, May 21 to Saturday night, May 22 2010

Will leave Church parking lot at 7:00 PM Friday and projected return to church parking lot at 10:30 PM Saturday.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Guided Tour of the Pope John Paul II Museum and the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM

Fee is based on room occupancy.

\$145 for single room, \$135 for two in a room and \$125 for three in a room.

Cost includes bus ride, room accommodations, full breakfast and dinner on Saturday night. Please call 239-0953 for information or visit the rectory office at 68 Wanser Avenue in Inwood to pick up an application. Applications, and a \$25 deposit, are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6645.73

Primera Colecta el Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$8053.21

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!

**MINISTERIO DE MUJERES** -Se siente usted sola, tiene un bajo estima, ha sido abusada, es madre soltera? Las invitamos al ministerio de mujeres donde se hablaran de estos temas importantes de la mujer y usaremos la palabra de Dios para dialogar. Las invitamos este Domingo 18 de Abril de 1:00 a 2:00 P.M. en la cafetería de la Escuela Santa María.

**DEL ESCRITORIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO**

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Este fin de semana nuestra parroquia tiene el honor de darle la bienvenida al Obispo Callistus V. Onaga, Obispo de Enugu, Nigeria, quién está en una visita pastoral en los Estados Unidos. El Obispo Onaga es el Obispo Diocesano del Padre Austin. Hoy (domingo) el obispo celebrará la Misa de la 1:15. También estoy muy contento de darles la bienvenida a nuestra parroquia a las diferentes comunidades Católicas nigerianas alrededor de la diócesis y del estado para esta celebración especial. Sé que todos ustedes se unirán a mí para darle la bienvenida al Obispo Onaga y agradecerle por habernos enviado tan maravilloso sacerdote como lo es el Padre Austin.

El miércoles de la semana pasada el Sr. Rene Hernandez de nuestra parroquia fue instalado al Ministerio de Acólito por el obispo en preparación para su Ordenación al diaconado permanente. Esta celebración fue muy hermosa y nos alegramos por Rene mientras comienza con este siguiente paso en su diaconado. Le muy estoy agradecido a él y a su esposa Olivia por su buena voluntad de discernir su vocación. Él ha estado estudiando mucho durante los últimos tres años. Rene comenzará ahora su ministerio litúrgico los domingos sirviendo como acólito en la misa y distribuyendo la Sagrada Comunión. Continuemos orando por él mientras se prepara para ser nuestro nuevo diácono.

Todavía tenemos unas cuantas copias del libro "Mi Vida con los Santos" por el Padre James Martin en inglés en la rectoría. Nuestro grupo de discusión se reunirá los lunes por la tarde comenzando el 10 de mayo. El grupo en inglés se reunirá en la rectoría a las 7:00 P.M. y el grupo en español se reunirá a las 8:15 P.M. La primera semana hablaremos del capítulo de San Francisco de Assisi y San Ignacio de Loyola. Todos son bienvenidos. Si usted desea obtener más información o necesita una copia del libro por favor avíseme.

Nuestra parroquia ahora tiene sus propias páginas de YouTube y Facebook. Usted podrá verlos entrando en la página web de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis. Usted podrá ver magníficos videos y fotografías. También estamos en el proceso de cambiar y mejorar nuestra página Web de la parroquia. Esperamos que este totalmente al día y funcionando durante las próximas dos semanas.

Con Amor en Cristo,  
Padre Jim  
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**Tercer Domingo de Pascua**

**TESTIGOS DE LA VERDAD**—La escena en la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles de hoy evoca los recuerdos del juicio de Jesús en los Evangelios. Esto es intencional, pues el autor quiso mostrar claramente la relación entre lo que hizo Jesús, lo que los apóstoles están haciendo y lo que nosotros estamos llamados a hacer en su Nombre. Tal como Jesús dijo la verdad ante los tribunales sobre el mensaje de salvación, asimismo Pedro y los apóstoles dieron testimonio de la verdad y proclamaron sin temor la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo. Qué fácil hubiera sido mentir, negar a Jesús; habrían escapado con su buen nombre a salvo. Pero entendieron que negar a Jesús significaba perderlo todo. Se habrían perdido no sólo a sí mismos, sino que también hubieran perdido a toda la comunidad cristiana que estaba comenzando a formarse. Ellos asumieron su posición para demostrar a los demás miembros de la Iglesia de Cristo que la Buena Nueva es de hecho una verdad por la que vale la pena vivir —y morir.

**APACIENTA MIS OVEJAS**—San Juan en su Evangelio de hoy evoca una escena que aparece anteriormente en el Evangelio; es la escena en la que Pedro niega a Jesús. Jesús sale a pescar con los discípulos, tal como debió haberlo hecho muchas veces en su vida, y recogen tantos peces, que tal parece como si hubieran pescado todos los peces del mundo. Entonces Jesús le da a Pedro otra oportunidad, y esta vez Pedro no le falla. "Sí, Señor, tú sabes que te quiero" (Juan 21:15). Y Jesús le explica las consecuencias de ese amor. Para Pedro será encargarse de atender las ovejas, de recoger los peces. Seguir a Jesús quiere decir no sólo vivir la Buena Nueva, sino también difundir la palabra. Significa formar y atender comunidades, edificar y expandir la Iglesia de Dios por todo el mundo. Ésa es la misión de Pedro y, por nuestro bautismo, es también nuestra misión. Somos llamados a vivir y a proclamar la Buena Nueva de la salvación, a vivir de tal manera que contribuyamos a construir la comunidad de Cristo. Somos llamados a dar testimonio de vida cristiana ante el mundo. Todos estamos llamados a pescar los peces y a apacentar las ovejas.

**ASAMBLEA PARROQUIAL**—Como parte del proceso de planificación estratégico diocesano 2010, se llevara acabo una asamblea parroquial el domingo, 25 de abril del 2010 a las 2:30 en el auditorio de la Escuela Santa María. Examinaremos la vida pastoral y financiera de nuestra parroquia. Invitamos a todos los feligreses a participar y a ofrecer su contribución a las preguntas en cuanto al futuro de nuestra parroquia. **Todos están invitados.** Sus opiniones y sus ideas serán enormemente apreciadas. Recuerde, el futuro de nuestra parroquia está en nuestras manos. Esperamos verlos el 25 de abril del 2010.