

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



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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24.

## 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 (Spanish), 1:15

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Saturday  
9:00 at St. Gertrude's - Thursday  
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 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 Every Friday 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 & 9:45 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 21, 2012*

- 12:10 pm - Mass available  
 5:00 pm - Mass available  
 7:30 pm - Virgen de Guadalupe  
 Cita Hernandez (dec)  
 Yunior Roney Claros Zelaya- Acción de Gracias

*Sunday, April 22, 2012 - Third Sunday of Easter*

- 8:15 am - Pauline R. Singh (dec)  
 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Las Almas del Purgatorio  
 Innocent Onyemaobi (dec)  
 David Andujar (dec)  
 11:30 am - Teofilo & Francisco Ceballos (dec)  
 Michael Anthony Hercules Moreno (cumpleaños)  
 Martin Oscar Menjivar (dec)  
 Jesus Velazquez (dec)  
 Cita Hernandez (dec)  
 1:15 pm - Liza Ambroziak (healing)  
 Robert Ambroziak (dec)

*Monday, April 23, 2012—St. Goerge & St. Adalbert*

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

*Tuesday, April 24, 2012—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012— St. Mark*

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

*Thursday, April 26, 2012*

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

- 12:10 pm - Mass available  
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

*Saturday, April 28, 2012—St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon de Montfort*

- 12:10 pm - Mass available  
 5:00 pm - Pauline R. Singh  
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

*Sunday, April 29, 2012 - Fourth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:15 am - Gabriel, Herson, Waldman & Jim Rivera (dec)  
 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Mass available  
 11:30 am - Jose Santos (dec)  
 1:15 pm - Mass available

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick: Anne Marie Monereau, Duane Tucker, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed: especially Ylda Castillo.

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK:** In memory of a departed relative or friend.

FLOWERS (each arrangement)	\$55.00
BREAD AND WINE	\$50.00
CANDLES	\$15.00

## 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

**1st Collection last weekend - \$5051.00**  
**Second Collection - \$1587.00**

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2011): \$6693.23**

**(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 –

### Weekday Readings

**Sun** \* Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 \* Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 \* Lk 24:35-48

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

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

**Wed** \* 1 Pt 5:5-14 \* Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 \* Mk 16:15-20

**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

### MASS INTENTIONS

It is an ancient Christian tradition to request that Mass be offered living and deceased. You may request an announced Mass at the rectory. The customary offering is fifteen dollars. There are a limited number of Masses available between now and the end of the year.

### INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS

Ha sido una antigua tradición cristiana solicitar que una misa sea ofrecida por una persona en vida o fallecida. En la rectoría usted podrá solicitar que una misa sea anunciada. La donación de una misa es quince dólares.



The Vocations Crosses are available for 2012. Sign-up sheets may be found in the lobbies of both parish locations. Please sign-up and take home the Vocations Cross for 1 week and pray for vocations. It is important that we, the faithful, pray for our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.

### VOCACIONES

La Cruz de Vocaciones esta disponible para este año 2012. En el vestíbulo de ambas Iglesias encontraran las hojas para anotarse. Por favor anótese para llevar la Cruz de Vocaciones a su casa por una semana para orar por las vocaciones. Es muy importante que nosotros, los fieles, oremos por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, hermanos y hermanas religiosas.



## Third Sunday of Easter

### MEMORIES

Two years ago, following the death of my youngest sister at the age of 37, I felt the need to be surrounded with reminders of her life and accomplishments. Her final months spent battling an aggressive form of multiple sclerosis were months when her body simply wasted away. After her death I felt a strong need to place photos in my office cubicle and in my home—photos showing my sister in her earlier years as a vibrant, healthy, and sparkling young woman.

About a year after my sister's death, I was visiting another sister and noticed that she had only two photos of our late sister in her home. One photo had been taken years earlier and showed our sister as a vital young woman. The other was taken a few months before her death. In that photo, she was in her wheelchair, pale, thin, and feeble. My sister told me that she always wanted to be reminded of the health and the sickness and death, since these were the realities that made our late sister who she really was. This was a moment of great insight for me. Now when I remember my sister, I try to remember her from images of her strong years, as well as images of her final months and dying days. The totality of these images makes up who my sister was.

### REMEMBERING DURING THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter season gives us many opportunities to remember the totality of what God has done for us. Today, two weeks after Easter, the scripture writers urge us to remember the whole event of the paschal mystery—Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. This is important because every one of us who is baptized has a share in that mystery. We are constantly called to die to sin and rise to renewed life in Christ Jesus.

### SUMMER RAFFLE 2012

Get your raffle tickets now!!! Tickets are now on sale for our Summer 2012. Raffle booklets of 3 chances per book cost \$5.00. There are 4 chances to win 4 big prizes;

- 1st Prize - 42" Flatscreen TV
- 2nd Prize - Laptop Computer
- 3rd Prize - Ipad
- 4th Prize - "Kindle Fire"

The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, June 17, 2012.

### Prayer for "World Day of Prayer for Vocations"

Gracious Lord,  
with grateful hearts we welcome the presence of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.  
We accept the mission of Jesus to bring good news to the world by our baptismal commitment to gospel living.

Bless us with discerning hearts.  
May we have the courage to give our lives in loving service through married life, the single life, the consecrated life, and the ordained life.

Inspire men and women to respond generously and embrace the gift of a religious vocation.

We unite our prayers with the whole Church, with the communion of saints, with Jesus and the Spirit in praise and thanksgiving now and forever.

Amen



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** Our parish will join with the universal Church to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations.

The Vocations Committee is hosting a retreat next Sunday, in the school auditorium from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM; the retreat theme is "**Come Follow Me.**" Father Rocco Danzi, Father Jim Cunningham and our very own Father Fulgencio Gutierrez will be retreat presenters. They will also hear confessions in English, Spanish and French. Everyone is invited. Please come out and join us in fellowship and prayer for an increase on vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



### 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 12, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 P.M. in the School Auditorium. Admission: \$20 per person.



## 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

Father in Heaven, We are humbled by Your presence and celebrate the blessings You have bestowed upon us.

In Your loving kindness, bless our Annual Catholic Appeal.

Help us to respond generously to Your goodness by returning a portion of what You have given to us.

Give us the confidence to walk in Your footsteps and the insight to recognize the real needs around us.

Give us the strength and compassion to meet the needs of those less fortunate so we can participate in "Sharing Our Gifts to Build God's Kingdom in Brooklyn and Queens."

May this Appeal reflect our commitment to the challenge of our Catholic calling.

May it advance the mission of Your Church and strengthen our resolve in returning the Lord's Goodness.

We ask You this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Annual Catholic Appeal Update!!!

As of April 13, 2012, our total pledges come to \$37,479.00 WOW!!! We are just \$11,010.00 from our diocese commitment of \$44,489.00 and we've just got started it. We have already collected \$10,017, almost doubled what we collected 3 weeks ago. I know that we can count on all of you to make that goal. Thanks to all of you who have already made a pledge.

If you have not yet done so, please make your pledge as soon as possible. Remember, you have until the end of December 2012 to complete payment of your pledge. Most importantly, we need families to make a commitment now.

### St. Gertrude Altar Rosary Society

Annual Luncheon  
In honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary  
On Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 2:30 P.M.

St. Gertrude  
336 Beach 38th Street  
Far Rockaway, NY

Donation: \$25

This is a fundraiser to support our Church St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude. For information, please contact: Virginia Roundtree at 347-209-8836, Kathleen Daniels at 347-372-4837 or Yvonne Hall at 347-972-6831

### 3rd Annual Mass and Devotion to SAINT DYMPHNA

Patroness of those suffering from emotional & psychological difficulties, Autism and Alzheimer's Disease  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012—7:00 P.M.

Cathedral of Saint Patrick  
New York, NY

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

**MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE**—Monsignor John Brown and the members of the St. Francis de Sales Support Center invite anyone who has recently lost a loved one to join them for a Memorial Prayer Service on Saturday, April 28th at 11:00 A.M. in the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Francis De Sales Church, Beach 129th St. Everyone is welcome.

### EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

**Domingo Pasado: \$5051.00**

**Segunda Colecta: \$1587.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6693.23**

**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!

### Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

Hasta el 13 de abril del 2012, todos los compromisos llegaron a un total de \$37,479.00! Estamos a sólo \$ 11,010.00 de nuestro compromiso diocesano de \$ 44,489.00, y apenas acabamos de comenzar con la campaña. Ya hemos recaudado \$10,017, casi el doble de lo que recogimos hace 3 semanas. Sé que podemos contar con todos ustedes para llegar a nuestro objetivo. Muchas gracias a todos los que han hecho su promesa.

Si usted aún no ha hecho su promesa, por favor hágala lo mas pronto posible. Recuerde, usted tiene hasta finales de diciembre del 2012 para completar el pago de su promesa. Lo más importante es que necesitamos que mas familias participen haciendo una promesa hoy.

### RIFA DEL VERANO 2012

Compre sus boletos ya!!! Los boletos están disponible para la venta. Tres boletos por libretto por el costo de \$5.00. Tendrán la oportunidad de ganar grandes premios;

- 1er Premio - TV Plana de 42"
- 2do Premio - Computadora Portátil
- 3er Premio - Ipod
- 4to Premio - "Kindle Fire"

El ganador será seleccionado el Domingo 17 de Junio, 2012.



## Tercer Domingo de Pascua

### RECUERDOS

Hace dos años, luego de la muerte de mi hermana menor a la edad de 37 años, sentí la necesidad de rodearme de recuerdos de su vida y logros. Los últimos meses que pasó luchando contra una forma agresiva de esclerosis múltiple fue un tiempo en el que su cuerpo simplemente se deterioró. Después de su muerte sentí la imperiosa necesidad de colocar fotos en el cubículo de mi oficina y en mi casa, fotos que mostraban a mi hermana en sus primeros años como una joven vibrante, saludable y brillante.

Casi un año después, visité a otra hermana y me di cuenta que en su casa tenía solamente dos fotos de mi difunta hermana. Una de las fotos había sido tomada años atrás y mostraba a nuestra hermana como una joven en toda su vitalidad. La otra fue tomada pocos meses antes de su muerte. En esa foto estaba en una silla de ruedas, pálida, delgada y débil. Mi hermana me dijo que siempre quería tener presente la salud, la enfermedad y la muerte, ya que mostraban a nuestra difunta hermana como realmente era. Para mí fue un momento de gran inspiración. Cuando ahora recuerdo a mi hermana, trato de pensar en las imágenes de sus años de vitalidad, así como en las imágenes de los meses finales y sus últimos días. Todas estas imágenes constituyen lo que realmente era mi hermana.

### RECORDAMOS DURANTE LA TEMPORADA DE PASCUA

La temporada de Pascua nos da muchas oportunidades para recordar todo lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros. Hoy, dos semanas después de Pascua, los escritores de la Biblia nos instan a recordar todo el acontecimiento del misterio pascual: la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Esto es importante porque cada uno de nosotros que es bautizado forma parte de ese misterio. Estamos llamados constantemente a morir en el pecado y resucitar a una vida nueva en Cristo.

### Sociedad del Rosario de Santa Gertrudis

Almuerzo Anual en honor a  
Nuestra Santísima Virgen María  
Domingo, 6 de Mayo 2012 a las 2:30 PM  
Santa Gertrudis  
336 Beach 38th Street, Far Rockaway, NY  
Donación: \$ 25

Este es un evento para recaudar fondos para apoyar a nuestra Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis. Para más información, favor de ponerse en contacto con: Virginia Roundtree al 347-209-8836, Kathleen Daniels al 347-372-4837 o Yvonne Hall al 347-972-6831.

## JORNADA MUNDIAL DE ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES

El próximo domingo 29 de abril, el Cuarto Domingo de Pascua es conocido también como el Domingo del Buen Pastor. En 1963 el papa Paulo VI designó este día como la *Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones*. Nuestra parroquia se unirá junto con la iglesia universal para pedirle a Dios que nos bendiga y que nos fortalezca en nuestra vocación cristiana.



El Comité de Vocaciones está organizando un retiro el próximo domingo de 2:30 P.M. a 6:30 P.M. en el auditorio de la escuela. El tema del retiro es "Ven y sígueme." El Padre Rocco Danzi, el padre Jim Cunningham y nuestro sacerdote el Padre Fulgencio Gutiérrez serán los presentadores del retiro. También escucharán confesiones en Inglés, español y francés. Todos están invitados. Por favor venga y únase a nosotros en la eucaristía y en oración por un aumento en las vocaciones sacerdotales y a la vida religiosa.

### Oración Por Las Vocaciones

Dios generoso, Con un corazón agradecido  
recibimos la presencia de Jesús,  
nuestro Buen Pastor.

Aceptamos la misión de Jesús de llevar  
las buenas nueva al mundo,  
a través de nuestro compromiso bautismal  
de vivir el evangelio.

Bendícenos con un corazón juicioso y prudente.  
Concédenos valor para entregar nuestras vidas  
al servicio amoroso de la vida matrimonial,  
la vida célibe, la vida consagrada  
o la orden sacerdotal.

Inspira a tus hijos e hijas para responder generosamente y  
aceptar el regalo de la vocación religiosa.

Unimos nuestras oraciones con las de toda la Iglesia,  
para que junto con Jesucristo, el Espíritu Santo  
y la comunión de los santos, te demos gracias y te  
alabemos ahora y siempre.

Amén



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 el Sábado 12 de Mayo del 2012 de 8:00 PM a 2:00 AM en el Auditorio de Santa María. Admisión: \$20 por persona.