

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

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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 23*

8:00 pm – (Easter Vigil) Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 24—Easter Sunday

8:15 am – John Schiavone (dec)

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)
Robert Cunningham (dec)
Anthony Thoes & Leonard David George
Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving*Monday, April 25*

8:00 am – Easter Novena

12:10 pm – Robert Cunningham (dec)

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 am – For the children of the Parish

12:10 pm – Easter Novena
John & Mary Waldron (dec)*Wednesday, April 27*

8:00 am – Married Couples

12:10 pm – Easter Novena

Thursday, April 28

9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Easter Novena

12:10 pm – For the sick and homebound

Friday, April 29

12:10 pm – James Higgins (dec)

7:30 pm – Vocaciones

Saturday, April 30

12:10 pm – Married Couples

5:00 pm – Easter Novena

7:30 pm – Alice Preudhomme (dec)

*Sunday, May 1—Secon Sunday of Easter**Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish

9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Grace Abella Sichani (dec)
Alexandria & Maya (birthday)
Juan Aviles (dec)

11:30 am – Robert Cunningham (dec)

1:15 pm – Vocations

**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 4-9, 4-10 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Payment	Total Collection
5:00 PM	82	27	\$490.23	15	\$133.35	\$623.58
7:30 PM	270	42	\$351.78	19	\$166.40	\$518.18
8:15 AM	226	71	\$1,786.55	43	\$343.00	\$2,129.55
9:45 AM	157	58	\$756.16	36	\$219.50	\$975.66
11:30 AM	425	99	\$1,199.16	35	\$587.91	\$1,787.07
1:15 PM Easter Flowers	183	42	\$500.50	20	\$421.39	\$921.89
	21	21	\$302.00		\$0.00	\$302.00
Totals	1343	360	\$5,386.38	168	\$1,871.55	\$7,257.93

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5144.21**(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**Weekday Readings****Sun** *Acts 10:34, 37-43* Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 *Jn 20:1-9**Mon** * Acts 2:14, 22-33 * Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 * Mt 28:8-15**Tues** * Acts 2:36-41* Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 * Jn 20:11-18**Wed** * Acts 3:1-10 * Ps 105:1-4,6-9 * Lk 24:13-35**Thurs** * Acts 3:11-26 * Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 * Lk 24:35-48**Fri** * Acts 4:1-12 * Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a * Jn 21:1-14**Sat** * Acts 4:13-21 * Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-21 * Mk 16:9-15**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

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

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.

PLEASE PRAY for Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, William Anthony, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Doreen Ward, Mirian Olmo, Laura Paula Clarke, Auddie Naraine, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier and our faithful departed: Robert Cunningham.



Easter Sunday

REMEMBERING BAPTISM

Each year we celebrate a ritual that the Church prescribes for use specifically on Easter Sunday. At Masses on Easter we are called to renew our baptismal promises. We once again renounce Satan and profess our belief in God, as well as acknowledge all the wonderful works that God has done throughout salvation history. We do so at this central point of the liturgical year for one major reason. Once a year, after the penitential practices of Lent, we remember that at the moment of our baptism, we were configured to Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose to save the world from the power of sin. This remembrance of our baptism is much more than the kind of remembering we do when we flip through a family photo album or review digital pictures of a recent vacation or family event. The remembrance we celebrate today through the renewal of baptismal promises reminds us that we are commissioned to be the risen Christ for others here and now.

BECOMING THE RISEN CHRIST

Through the renewal of our baptismal promises we remember that in baptism we were joined to Christ's death and resurrection. What we can easily forget is that in baptism we were also joined to the life that Christ lived while on earth. We need not look too far to discover that the Lord Jesus came to call sinners to himself in order to share with them the wonderful gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Through our own baptism, we are called to imitate Christ. We are to let people know that, in and through Jesus Christ, true forgiveness and reconciliation are possible. As we lift heart and voice, singing the words of today's responsorial psalm, let us rejoice and be glad that in our baptism we have become the risen Christ for the world.

NEXT WEEK SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Catholic Home Mission Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States that are unable to fund important pastoral works including lay ministry training. Home mission dioceses rely on lay ministers, because parishes are often hundreds of miles apart and priests cannot get to every parish each weekend. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this appeal.

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



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.

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.

Divine Mercy
Sunday



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.



happy easter



THE GREATEST FEAST

Easter is a big deal—a very big deal. Every one of the four Gospels provides an account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which makes perfect sense because the bodily resurrection of Jesus has always been the foundation of the Christian faith from the very beginning. It is an ancient tradition, based on the evidence of scripture and on the writings of the early church, that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on a Thursday, died on a Friday, and rose from the dead on a Sunday. Thus, today's Gospel tells us that Jesus rose from the dead on "the first day of the week" (John 20:1). Within about a hundred years of Jesus' resurrection Christians were celebrating the great Easter Vigil, beginning after dark on Holy Saturday and continuing until dawn on Easter morning. During this vigil, Christians heard salvation history through scripture readings, celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, and looked forward to his return. At the vigil men and women who had gone through three years of instruction were baptized and received First Communion. Without his death and rising to new life Jesus would have been merely another Jewish teacher and failed messiah. His teachings would be just a code of ethics and our worship in vain. We celebrate the Resurrection for fifty days, and for the rest of the year every Sunday is a kind of "mini-Easter." Easter is the culmination of Christ's life, death, and resurrection that we celebrate "with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Corinthians 5:8). If you have not been to church for a while, we invite you to come back again and know that you are welcome in the community of faith. Please speak to the priest after Mass or call the parish office and let us help you feel at home.

Living Stewardship Now

Mark a large white candle with five whole cloves in cross form, in memory of Jesus' five sacred wounds. Stand the lighted candle in a bowl of fresh cut flowers, tokens of new life.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples: With Easter, God give us new life. Freshen and enhance your married by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekends are May 13-15, and August 5-7, 2011. To register or for more information, call 877NYS WWME or visit our website at <http://mygmgwwme.org>.

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.

SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Cathedral Prep will be sponsoring a program for boys currently in the 6th & 7th Grades from July 5th to July 29th. For further information call 718-592-6800.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The Msgr. William Burke—Rockaway Council is looking for men 18 years of age or older who would be interested in becoming a member. You can visit the Knight of Columbus website at www.knightsofrockaway.com or call 718-318-8188.

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.

2nd Annual Mass and Devotion to SAINT DYMPHNA

Patroness of those suffering from emotional & psychological difficulties,

Autism and Alzheimer's Disease

Monday, May 16, 2011—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.

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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Fin de semana del 10 de Abril: \$7257.93

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5144.21

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!

**Domingo de Pascua****RECORDAMOS NUESTRO
BAUTISMO**

Cada año celebramos un rito que la Iglesia prescribe se use específicamente el domingo de Pascua. En las misas de Pascua renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales. Una vez más renunciamos a Satanás y profesamos nuestra fe en Dios, al tiempo que reconocemos todas las grandes obras de Dios a lo largo de la historia de la salvación. Lo hacemos en este punto central del año litúrgico por una razón importante. Una vez al año, después de las prácticas penitenciales de Cuaresma, recordamos que en aquel momento de nuestro bautismo fuimos configurados en Jesucristo, quien vivió, murió y resucitó para salvar al mundo del poder del pecado. Esta memoria de nuestro bautismo es algo más que la remembranza que hacemos al mirar el álbum con fotos de la familia o revisamos las fotos digitales de una vacación o celebración familiar reciente. La memoria que celebramos hoy mediante la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales nos recuerda que hemos sido enviados a ser el Cristo resucitado para los demás, aquí y ahora.

SER EL CRISTO RESUCITADO

Mediante la renovación de nuestras promesas bautismales recordamos que en nuestro bautismo fuimos unidos a la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Lo que olvidamos con más facilidad es que en el bautismo fuimos también unidos a la vida terrena de Cristo. No necesitamos ir lejos para descubrir que el Señor Jesús vino a llamar a los pecadores hacia sí, para compartir con ellos los maravillosos dones del perdón y la salvación. Por nuestro bautismo somos llamados a imitar a Cristo. Somos llamados a dejar que la gente sepa que en Jesucristo y por él, la reconciliación y el perdón son verdaderamente posibles. Al elevar nuestro corazón y nuestra voz mientras entonamos el salmo responsorial de hoy, regocijémos y alegrémonos porque en nuestro bautismo nos hemos convertido en Cristo resucitado para el mundo.



**Feliz Pascua
de Resurrección**

LA FIESTA MAYOR

La Pascua es algo *muy* grande. La resurrección de Jesús es el fundamento de la fe cristiana. Sabemos por las Escrituras y por los escritos de la Iglesia primitiva que el Señor resucitó “el primer día después del sábado” (Juan 20:1). Sin su muerte y resurrección Jesús hubiese sido sencillamente otro rabino más y un mesías fracasado; sus enseñanzas fueran nomás un código ético y nuestro culto fuese en vano. La Resurrección se celebra durante cincuenta días, lo cual se conoce como la Cincuentena Pascual, y cada domingo del año conmemoramos el misterio pascual “con el pan sin levadura, que es de sinceridad y verdad” (1 Corintios 5:8). Si hace tiempo que no vas a la iglesia, te invitamos a que vuelvas y te recibiremos con los brazos abiertos en la comunidad de fe. Por favor habla con el sacerdote después de la Misa o llama a la oficina parroquial y dínos cómo podemos hacerte sentir bien en casa.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

Pon en una vela blanca cinco clavos (de especia) en forma de cruz para recordar las cinco llagas de Jesús. Coloca la vela encendida en un recipiente o tazón con flores frescas, como símbolo de vida nueva y ponlo en el centro de tu mesa durante tu comida del día de Pascua.

COLECTA ESPECIAL -El Llamado para las Misiones

Católicas se dedica a sostener a las diócesis misioneras de Estados Unidos que no pueden financiar sus importantes labores pastorales, incluyendo la capacitación en el ministerio laico. Las diócesis misioneras confían en los ministros laicos ya que las parroquias se encuentran generalmente a cientos de millas de distancia y los sacerdotes no pueden llegar semanalmente a todas las parroquias. Por favor, ayuden a fortalecer la Iglesia en casa mediante su generosa respuesta al Llamado el próximo fin de semana.

**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.

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.

**Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia**

- Santa María y Santa Gertrudis les invitan al Santuario Nacional de la Divina Misericordia en Massachusetts el domingo, 1 de Mayo, 2011. Costo es \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para información por favor póngase en contacto con Alicia Ortiz al 718-327-6508 o con Concepción al 718-440-1328.