

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



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ST. GERTRUDE'S OFFICE

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PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Antonio Bobadilla

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Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero

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Ms. Carla Ramos, Ext. 11

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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18

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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

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 - 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: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS*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)
 Esther Rosario Soucey (healing)
 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes, Mario Canton (dec)
 Mario Alberto Canton (dec)
 Eli & Leonor Becerra (25 aniv.)
 Divino Niño—Acción de Gracias
 Ketcia Alvarez (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm – Yvette Friedberg (dec)

Monday, April 26

8:00 am – Patrick Lynch (dec)
 12:10 pm – Florence McGee (dec)

Tuesday, April 27

8:00 am – Cita M. Hernandez (dec)
 12:10 pm – Eli & Leonor Becerra—Thanksgiving
 Maria Roche (dec)

Wednesday, April 28—St. Peter Chanel

8:00 am – Monica McCabe (dec)
 12:10 pm – Mass available

Thursday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 am – Mass available
 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
 12:10 pm – Mass available

Friday, April 30—St. Pius V

8:00 pm – Mass available
 12:10 pm – Percival Riveaux—Thanksgiving
 7:30 pm – Patrick Lynch (dec)

Saturday, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker

12:10 pm – Monica McCabe (dec)
 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Sunday, May 2– Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:15 am – Florence McGee (dec)
 9:45 am – Vince Rhodus (healing)
 11:30 am – Misa por la Comunidad
 Mario Alberto Canton (dec)
 Alicia Preudhome (dec)
 1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Bishop Joseph Sullivan, Msgr. Dino Zeni, Msgr. Cosmo Saporito, Miguel Jimenez, Mary Waldron, Calixte Rodolphe, Zoila Yopez, Pedro Bonilla, LeVonne Williams, Beverly Smith, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Linda Doyle, Barbara King, Donna Mohammed, Beulah Harris, Santos Rodriguez, Annabel Davis, Simone Boyer, Wiloby Snips and the Faithful Departed: Margaret Harris Joseph, Julia Perez.

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 4-17 & 4-18 2010

| Mass Time | # of Attendees | # of Env. | 1st Collection | # of Env. | Debt Reduction | Total Collection |
|---------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5:00 PM | 87 | 40 | \$713.36 | 29 | \$260.84 | \$974.20 |
| 7:30 PM | 180 | 33 | \$450.75 | 22 | \$235.52 | \$686.27 |
| 8:15 AM | 218 | 78 | \$1,389.96 | 47 | \$319.20 | \$1,709.16 |
| 9:45 AM | 180 | 70 | \$1,315.65 | 51 | \$376.53 | \$1,692.18 |
| 11:30 AM | 445 | 118 | \$1,313.30 | 75 | \$345.15 | \$1,658.45 |
| 1:15PM | 231 | 53 | \$1,055.03 | 34 | \$269.17 | \$1,324.20 |
| ParishPay | - | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Totals | 1341 | 392 | \$6,238.05 | 258 | \$1,806.41 | \$8,044.46 |

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$7581.87

(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 13:14, 43-52 * Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 * Jn 10:27-30

Mon * Acts 11:1-18 * Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 * Jn 10:1-10

Tues * Acts 11:19-26 * Ps 87:1b-7 * Jn 10:22-30

Wed * Acts 12:24 -13:5a * Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 * Jn 12:44-50

Thurs * Acts 13:13-25 * Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 * Jn 13:16-20

Fri * Acts 13:26-33 * Ps 2:6-11b * Jn 14:1-6

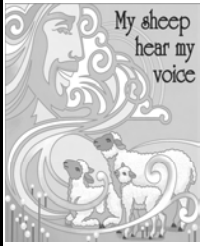
Sat * Acts 13:44-52 * Ps 98:1-4 * Jn 14:7-14

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

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

*The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister.***

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ Jesus, Our Hope, A Diocesan Strategic Plan for 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 the 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 each Friday. Each week will examine a different aspect of diocesan life. Part One presents 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 Parts One and Two of the Diocesan Report, please visit www.ChristJesusOurHope.com. A summary will also appear each week in The Tablet.

This weekend our parish will host a special "Parish Assembly" for all of our members to come and talk about the future of our parish. I cannot emphasize enough how important this assembly is. Each parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn has been asked by the bishop to do a self-evaluation study. We are called as a parish family to look at how we do things and determine what we need to change, add or consolidate. We are blessed to be an active, vibrant parish with many activities. This special assembly will help us to determine what we are doing well and what we need to do in the future to meet the needs of our people. The Parish Assembly will take place in the gym of St. Mary Star of the Sea School beginning at 2:30 P.M. I urge you to please take time to be with us as we plan for the future! It is up to each one of us to lend our voices to this important planning process. I look forward to being with you.

There are still a few copies of the book "My Life with the Saints" by Father James Martin available at the rectory. The reading group will be starting in a few weeks on Monday evenings at the rectory. The group in English will meet at 7:00 P.M. and the group in Spanish at 8:15 P.M. All are welcome.

Please remember to save the dates for Father Gallo's 50th Anniversary on May 23 at St. Pancras Church in Glendale. Please call St. Mary's Rectory Office to reserve your seat on the bus. Father Yvon's 25th Anniversary will take place on Sunday, June 20th at 5:00 P.M. Please remember in your prayers our Parish Trustee, Mr. Miguel Jimenez, who had heart surgery this week. We pray that God will restore him to full strength as soon as possible.

With Love in Christ,
Father Jim
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Father Vincent Gallo will be celebrating his 50th anniversary ordination to the priesthood at St. Pancras Church, 72-22 68th 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 20th St. and New Haven Avenue, FR
New York***

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

registration REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2010



Have you considered a Catholic School education for your child? St. Mary's School provides the students with a fine academic education in a faith-filled environment.

Do you think that Catholic School is financially impossible for you to afford? There are two excellent scholarship programs available. Many families would be eligible for this help. Tuition may be more reasonable than you realize.

For Pre-Kindergarten – children must be 4 years old by December 1, 2010. For Kindergarten – children must be 5 years old December 31, 2010.

There are limited spaces available in Grades 1 through 6. Students in Grades 7 and 8 are considered only in special circumstances. Are you interested? Please call 718-327-2242 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Altar Server Schedule for May 1-2, 2010

Sat. 5:00 PM – Michael Riley, Alexis Small, Breanna Checo

Sat. 7:30 PM – Jennifer Puluc, Amilcar & Jonathan Lizama,
Deanna Bobadilla

Sun. 8:15 AM – Michelle Martinez, Cynthia Contreras,
Carolena Mayorga, Bennett Bennett

Sun. 11:30 AM – Daniel, Jose & Raquel Reina, Ketcia Alvarez

Sun. 1:15 PM – Bianca Salonga, Jacques & Katia Mathieu



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special day for everyone in our parish. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Generous God,
You show us the way that leads to everlasting life.

Through baptism you called us
to proclaim the Good News

Bless and strengthen those
who have made a commitment
of service in the Church.

Guide and give wisdom
to those discerning their vocation.

Enrich our Church with dedicated
married and single people,
with deacons, priests,
and with people in consecrated life.

Filled with your Holy Spirit we ask this blessing that
we, your people, may follow Jesus,
our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen

Adopt-a-Priest corner

"If you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to justification, confession on the lips to salvation."

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.

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief

VOCATIONS – Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations—"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

PARISH ASSEMBLY—As part of the 2010 diocesan strategic planning process, we will hold a parish assembly on today 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.

The proper stewardship of diocesan financial resources is a key element in any effort to craft a long term strategic plan for the renewal of our Diocese. Over the last decade, the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens has faced many challenges, not least of which is a deteriorating and the challenges they now raise are outlined in Part Two of our Diocesan Report for Strategic Planning. Please visit www.ChristJesusOurHope.org to read the full summary.

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 100th 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 30th.

Come Join Us—Remain in Hope!

A first ever Healing Mass and devotion to St. Dymphna, patron saint of mental health, will be held Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 6:30 pm, Main Altar, Cathedral of St. Patrick, 460 Madison Ave, NY. Dymphna is a 7th century Irish Saint who is patroness for those suffering from emotional and psychological difficulties, as well as any illness of the mind such as Alzheimer's or Autism. Such individuals, their families, friends and mental health professionals will find comfort and support at this upcoming Mass which includes a blessing with her relic and the communal rite of anointing of the sick.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$8044.46

Primera Colecta el Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7581.87

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!

DEL ESCRITORIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

El Plan Estratégico Diocesano, Cristo Jesús Nuestra Esperanza, ha comenzado en la Diócesis de Brooklyn para la Renovación de la Iglesia. Parte de este proceso invita a cada parroquia a considerar su propio futuro, pero hacerlo para ver crecer nuestra iglesia diocesana. Mientras que los feligreses y líderes de la parroquia se concentran en una crítica reflexión de la vida actual y del futuro de su parroquia, también es necesario un entendimiento más amplio de los desafíos afrontados por la Diócesis.

En este momento, la Comisión de Planificación, Cristo Jesús nuestra Esperanza, publicará un Informe Diocesano de cuatro partes cada viernes. Cada semana examinará un aspecto diferente de la vida diocesana. La primera parte presenta la vida pastoral de la diócesis en su totalidad incluyendo una revisión de las celebraciones sacramentales, la asistencia de la misa y la formación de la fe. Siguiendo con informes de un reporte sobre las finanzas, datos demográficos y liderazgo de la parroquia. Si usted desea leer el texto completo de la Parte Uno y Dos del Informe Diocesano, por favor visite www.ChristJesusOurHope.com. También aparecerá un resumen cada semana en el periódico "The Tablet".

Este fin de semana nuestra parroquia llevará a cabo una "Asamblea Parroquial especial" para que todos nuestros feligreses puedan hablar y discutir sobre el futuro de nuestra parroquia. No puedo suficientemente enfatizar lo importante que es esta asamblea. El Obispo ha pedido que cada parroquia en la Diócesis de Brooklyn haga un estudio de autoevaluación. Somos llamados como una familia parroquial para analizar como hacemos las cosas, como determinamos lo que tenemos que cambiar, aumentar o consolidar. Esta parroquia esta bendecida por ser una parroquia activa, vibrante con muchas actividades. Esta asamblea especial nos ayudará a determinar lo que estamos haciendo bien y lo que tenemos que hacer en el futuro para poder satisfacer las necesidades de nuestra comunidad. Esta asamblea se llevará a cabo en el gimnasio de la Escuela Santa María Estrella del Mar comenzando a las 2:30 P.M. ¡Les pido a todos ustedes que por favor traten de tomar un poco de su tiempo para estar con nosotros mientras planeamos el futuro de nuestra parroquia! Depende de nosotros hacernos escuchar en este

importante proceso de planificación. Espero verlos a todos.

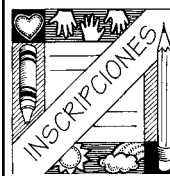
Todavía tenemos unas cuantas copias del libro "Mi Vida con los Santos" por el Padre James Martin en la rectoría. El grupo de lectura comenzará en unas semanas. El grupo en inglés se reunirá los lunes a las 7:00 y el grupo en español se reunirá a las 8:15. Todos son bienvenidos.

Por favor acuérdesse de tomar un poco de su tiempo para estar con el Padre Gallo en su 50 Aniversario el 23 de mayo en la Iglesia San Páncreas en Glendale. Favor de llamar a la rectoría de Santa María para reservar su asiento en el autobús. El 25 Aniversario del Padre Yvon se llevará a cabo el domingo, 20 de junio a las 5:00 P.M. Por favor recuerde en sus oraciones a nuestro Administrador Parroquial, el Sr. Miguel Jimenez, quien tuvo una operación del corazón esta semana. Oremos para que se recupere pronto con la ayuda de Dios.

Con Amor en Cristo,
Padre Jim
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ASAMBLEA PARROQUIAL—Como parte del proceso de planificación estratégico diocesano 2010, se llevara a cabo una asamblea parroquial hoy 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 a todos.

RETIRO DEL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN el día 2 de Mayo en el auditorio de la Escuela Santa María de 2 P.M. a 6 P.M.

**REGISTRACION PARA SEPTIEMBRE 2010 EN LA ESCUELA SANTA MARIA**

¿Ha considerado usted una buena educación Católica para su niño? La Escuela Santa María provee a los estudiantes una buena educación académica en un ambiente lleno de fe.

¿Piensa usted que la Escuela Católica es económicamente imposible para usted? Hay dos excelentes programas de becas disponibles. Muchas familias pueden ser elegibles para esta ayuda. La matrícula puede ser más razonable de lo que usted piensa.

Para el Pre-K - los niños deben tener 4 años antes del 1 de diciembre del 2010. Para Kindergarten - los niños deben tener 5 años antes del 31 de diciembre del 2010.

Hay espacios limitados en los Grados 1 al 6. Los estudiantes en los Grados 7 y 8 son considerados sólo en circunstancias especiales.

¿Está usted interesado? Favor llamar al 718-327-2242 para mas información o para hacer una cita.