

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



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**PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**  
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Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
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**TRUSTEES:**  
Lillian Virginia Roundtree  
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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.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**  
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**SCHOOL:**  
Ms. Angela D. Brucia, Principal  
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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 & 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 30*

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples
- 5:00 pm – Easter Novena
- 7:30 pm – Alice Preudhomme (dec)  
 Maria Adoración Buesaquillo (dec)  
 German Enriquez Duperrt (dec)  
 Amaury Martinez Caffyn (dec)  
 Bravilo Dominguez (dec)

*Sunday, May 1—Second 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)  
 Agatha George (birthday)
- 11:30 am – Robert Cunningham (dec)  
 James Gordon O'Brien (dec)  
 Robert Cunningham (dec)  
 Michael Anthony Moreno (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm – Vocations

*Monday, May 2—St. Athanasius*

- 8:00 am – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

*Tuesday, May 3—St. Phillip and St. James*

- 8:00 am – Cecile Perissi (dec)
- 12:10 pm – John J. Waldron (dec)  
 Arlene Brodlyn—Thanksgiving

*Wednesday, May 4*

- 8:00 am – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

*Thursday, May 5*

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
 Carmelita Brazzier (healing)  
 Mc Groary Family—Thanksgiving

*Friday, May 6*

- 12:10 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
- 7:30 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

*Saturday, May 7*

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples
- 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)  
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
 Margarita Aponte (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Por los que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas

*Sunday, May 8—Third Sunday of Easter*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude)
- 11:30 am – Familia Hortensia Hoyos—Acción de Gracias  
 Maria Crespo (dec)  
 Por los Sacerdotes
- 1:15 pm – 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**

Weekend of 4-22 thru 4-24 2011

<u>Mass Time</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>1st Collection</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>Debt Payment</u>	<u>Total Collection</u>
Holy Thursday	351	0	\$738.15	0	\$0.00	\$738.15
Good Friday	623	124	\$1,332.64	0	\$0.00	\$1,332.64
Easter Vigil	687	90	\$1,041.64	0	\$0.00	\$1,041.64
8:15 AM	348	98	\$1,752.80	57	\$548.75	\$2,301.55
9:45:00 AM*	277	70	\$895.15	23	\$350.39	\$1,245.54
9:45:00 AM**	195	31	\$413.00	29	\$198.21	\$611.21
11:30 AM	400	46	\$952.55	39	\$743.80	\$1,696.35
11:45 AM	571	111	\$1,532.98	27	\$358.97	\$1,891.95
1:15 PM	376	94	\$1,415.33	26	\$344.75	\$1,760.08
Easter Flowers		13	\$69.00		\$0.00	\$69.00
Easter Gift		103	\$2,529.00		\$0.00	\$2,529.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3828</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>\$12,672.24</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>\$2,544.87</b>	<b>\$15,217.11</b>

\*St. Gertrude \*\*St. Mary

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5525.84**

**(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).

**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: Maureen Friel Peacock, James Barr.



**Weekday Readings**

- Sun** \* Acts 2:42-47 \* Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 \* Jn 20:19-31
- Mon** \* Acts 4:23-31 \* Ps 2:1-9 \* Jn 3:1-8
- Tues** \* 1 Cor 15:1-8 \* Ps 19:2-5 \* Jn 14:6-14
- Wed** \* Acts 5:17-26 \* Ps 34:2-9 \* Jn 3:16-21
- Thurs** \* Acts 5:27-33 \* Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 \* Jn 3:31-36
- Fri** \* Acts 5:34-42 \* Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 \* Jn 6:1-15
- Sat** \* Acts 6:1-7 \* Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 \* Jn 6:16-21

*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*

*in the School Auditorium*

*Music provided by:*

*Unique Class DJ*

*With a Special Group*

*Admission: \$20 per person*

*For tickets*

*please see*

*Doris Mendoza*





## Second Sunday of Easter

### A GRAND EXPERIENCE

Ever since I was a child I have marveled at photos of the Grand Canyon in geography and travel books. The sheer size of this natural wonder, with its many strata of brilliant colors, always made me want to see this great place in person. A few years ago, while vacationing in Arizona, a day trip to the Grand Canyon became part of the itinerary. I will never forget that very early morning as we drove into the area. My heart was racing as we turned each corner, wondering if the glimpse around the next corner would reveal the wonder I had so long dreamed to see. As with most visitors to the Grand Canyon, my hopes were more than fulfilled. The images of the canyon, seen in real life, are branded on my memory and imagination forever. No matter how many times I describe my experience to people who have never visited this awesome place, I know that my words will never substitute for their actually seeing it for themselves.

### THE GRANDEST MIRACLE OF THEM ALL

Today we hear the story of "doubting Thomas," who announces that he will not believe that Jesus has risen until he sees it all for himself. Over the years, on this particular Sunday, we have probably heard that we are very much like Thomas, not truly believing until we see things for ourselves. Each week when we gather around the altar, we are given a chance to see and taste the very presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Do our hearts race as we turn the corner of the liturgy when we prepare to pray the Eucharistic Prayer? We are called to come to church each and every week to expect a miracle. And that miracle far surpasses any natural wonder we will ever see. For here we are given a glimpse, not of a grand canyon or any other natural wonder, but of the very kingdom of God. Let any doubts melt away and be replaced by hopeful anticipation of encountering the Lord each and every week.

### 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.

### A THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. JIM...

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support over these last few months. My father, Robert Cunningham, was called home to the Lord on April 8<sup>th</sup>. I am grateful to all of the people of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude for your presence at the wake for my dad, his Funeral Mass and his burial. Thank you also for your many Mass cards and letters expressing your condolences. My father lived a beautiful faith filled life. I was very lucky to have had such a wonderful father. He always loved coming to Far Rockaway over the years and he and my mom always appreciated the warm welcome that all of you gave to them each time they came to visit. Please continue to pray for us during this time of loss. All of you are in my prayers each day.

With Love and Thanks,  
Father Jim Cunningham

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY**—There are many dioceses right here in the United States whose parishes struggle to keep their doors open. These dioceses are classified as home missions and cannot maintain pastoral programs like catechesis, youth ministry, and seminary formation on their own. The Catholic Home Mission Appeal supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including aid to vulnerable parishes. Please be generous in this appeal and help strengthen the Church at home.

### 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. Para mas información y reservaciones favor de contactar a Susan—718-327-1133 x 25 o a Joyce George—718-471-0663.

**COLECTA ESPECIAL DE HOY**—Hay muchas diócesis aquí, en Estados Unidos, cuyas parroquias se esfuerzan por mantener sus puertas abiertas. Estas diócesis están clasificadas como misiones domesticas y no pueden financiar por si solas los programas de catequesis, el ministerio juvenil y la formación de seminaristas. El Llamado para las Misiones Católicas sostienen a estas diócesis dándoles los fondos necesarios para los ministerios mas esenciales, incluyendo asistencia a las parroquias vulnerables. Por favor, sean generosos con este Llamado y ayuden a fortalecer la Iglesia en casa.

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**

Domingo Pasado: \$15,217.11

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5525.84

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!



## Segundo Domingo de Pascua

### UNA GRAN EXPERIENCIA

Desde niño siempre me han fascinado las fotos del Gran Cañón en los libros de geografía y de viajes. El solo tamaño de esta maravilla natural y sus múltiples estratos de colores brillantes, siempre hicieron que quisiera visitar este magnífico lugar. Hace algunos años, mientras estaba de vacaciones en Arizona, una excursión de un día al Gran Cañón se convirtió en parte del itinerario. Nunca olvidaré esa mañana temprano en que condujimos hasta el lugar. Mi corazón se aceleraba en cada curva, curioso por saber si en la próxima podría vislumbrar la maravilla que durante tanto tiempo había soñado conocer. Como sucede con la mayoría de los turistas que visitan el Gran Cañón, mis expectativas fueron ampliamente satisfechas. Las imágenes del cañón en vivo quedarán por siempre grabadas en mi memoria y en mi imaginación. No importa cuántas veces describa mi experiencia a la gente que nunca ha visitado este asombroso lugar, sé que mis palabras nunca podrán sustituir la experiencia de ver ese lugar con sus propios ojos.

### EL MILAGRO MÁS GRANDE DE TODOS

Hoy oiremos la historia de santo Tomás, quien dijo que no creería que Jesús había resucitado hasta no verlo con sus propios ojos. A lo largo de los años, en este domingo en particular, probablemente hayamos oído que somos muy parecidos a Tomás, ya que no creemos en algo hasta que realmente no lo vemos con nuestros propios ojos. Cada semana cuando nos congregamos alrededor del altar, tenemos la oportunidad de ver y saborear la presencia de Cristo en la eucaristía. ¿Se acelera nuestro corazón en ese momento de la liturgia cuando nos disponemos a rezar la Plegaria Eucarística? Todas las semanas se nos invita a la iglesia para esperar un milagro. Y el milagro supera inmensamente cualquier maravilla natural que podamos ver alguna vez, ya que aquí tenemos la oportunidad de vislumbrar, no un gran cañón ni cualquier otra maravilla natural, sino el mismísimo reino de Dios. Que cualquier duda se disipe y sea reemplazada por una espera optimista de encontrarnos con el Señor todas y cada una de las semanas.

## Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis

cordialmente  
los invita a la

### “Gran Celebración del Día de las Madres”

Sábado 7 de Mayo del 2011

8:30 PM en el

Auditorio de Santa María

Amenizado por

“Unique Class DJ”

y un Grupo Sorpresa

Admisión: \$20 por persona



*Día de las Madres*

Para boletos vea a  
Doris Mendoza

### CARTA DE AGRADECIMIENTO DE PARTE DEL PADRE JIM...

Queridos amigos,

Muchas gracias a todos por todas sus oraciones y todo el apoyo que recibí durante estos últimos meses. El Señor llamo a mi padre, Robert Cunningham, a su casa el 8 de abril. Le estoy muy agradecido a toda la gente de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis por su presencia en el velorio de mi papá, en su misa y su entierro. Gracias también por todas las tarjetas de misas y las cartas expresando sus condolencias. Mi padre vivió una vida hermosa llena de fe. Tuve mucha suerte de haber tenido un padre tan maravilloso. A él le gustaba mucho venir a Far Rockaway. Mi papa y mi mama apreciaban mucho la calurosa bienvenida que recibían cada vez que venían de visita. Por favor sigan orando por nosotros durante este tiempo de pérdida. Todos ustedes están siempre en mis oraciones de cada día.

Con Amor y Agradecimiento,  
Padre Jim Cunningham