

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:

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

MASS INTENTIONS*Saturday, May 5, 2012*

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
 5:00 pm - John Schiavone (dec)
 John Michael Murphy (dec)
 Lennard George (dec)
 Agatha George (birthday)
 7:30 pm - Ramona Henriquez (dec)
 Edgar Francisco Aquino (dec)

Sunday, May 6, 2012 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am - Dominica Langanay (dec)
 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Alexandria & Maya Vega (birthday)
 Sachielle Hall (birthday)
 11:30 am - Isabel y Pedro Calderon (dec)
 Dolores Delgado (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm - John Michael Murphy (dec)

Monday, May 7, 2012

- 12:10 pm - For the souls in purgatory

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

- 12:10 pm - John J. Waldron (dec)

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, May 10, 2012 – St. Damian Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i

- 9:00 am - (St. Gertrude) Mass available
 12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, May 11, 2012

- 12:10 pm - For the souls in purgatory
 7:30 pm - Lida Rodriguez

Saturday, May 12, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
 5:00 pm - Armida Wallace (birthday)
 Maria Burgos (dec)
 7:30 pm - Por las almas en el purgatorio

Sunday, May 13, 2012 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am - Patricia Casey Gannon
 Pauline Singh (dec)
 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Maria Crespo (dec)
 San Pancraccio (por sanación)
 11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes de la Parroquia
 Rosa Lopez de Quimi (dec)
 1:15 pm - Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

PLEASE PRAY *for* the sick: Yvonne Hall, Chuck Hanson, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The flowers are given in memory of
 Pauline Singh.*

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 - \$4404.00
 Second Collection (Diocesan) - \$1563.00

First Collection Last Year: \$5640.23

(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 9:26-31 * Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 * Jn 15:1-8

Mon * Acts 14:5-18 * Ps 115:1-5, 15-16 * Jn 14:21-26

Tues * Acts 14:19-28 * Ps 145:10-13, 21 * Jn 14:27-31

Wed * Acts 15:1-6 * Ps 122:1-5 * Jn 15:1-8

Thurs * Acts 15:7-21 * Ps 96:1-3, 10 * Jn 15:9-11

Fri * Acts 15:22-31 * Ps 57:8-12 * Jn 15:12-17

Sat * Acts 16:1-10 * Ps 100:2, 3, 5 * Jn 15:18-21

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.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
SUNDAY MAY 6, 2:30PM**

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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

A STUBBORN VINE

After moving into my present home ten years ago, I was pleased to find that the back yard's landscaping included a very healthy-looking clematis, a quick-spreading vine that yields large, beautiful, star-shaped flowers. I had always wanted a yard with a clematis vine growing in it. Moving into the house in the summer, I was able to experience the beauty of hundreds of blossoms that covered the vines for most of the season. Since that summer, I have tried, year after year, to tend to this plant. I have read books about these easy-to-grow vines, consulted other gardeners, and searched the Internet for clues. I prune the clematis at the proper time and apply lime to the soil around the vine. Every summer for the last nine years, the total number of blossoms each year barely reaches five. I have been tempted to tear out the vine and plant a new one, yet I always remember those hundreds of blossoms that first summer and I am committed to trying again, year after year.

FAITH BLOSSOMS

Our faith lives are sometimes like the reluctant clematis. Even when we try to nourish and tend our spiritual lives, we often experience only a few "blooms." The metaphor Jesus used, the vine and the branches, is a beautiful image and says much about persistence in the faith for today's believer. Sometimes our conversion experiences are slow in coming, and take lots of time and tending. As long as we keep our attention focused on the Lord, there is always hope that deep faith and conversion will blossom within and around us. The words of the Lord that continue to encourage us are embedded within today's Gospel passage: "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

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" Flat Screen TV
- 2nd Prize - Laptop Computer
- 3rd Prize - Ipod
- 4th Prize - "Kindle Fire"

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

VOCATIONS CORNER...

Our very own Giancarlo (Gino) Tomas Pattugulan will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 23, 2012, at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint James. He will celebrate his first "Mass of Solemn Thanksgiving" at the Immaculate Conception in Douglaston at 12:30 PM; all are invited. There will be a bus available for those who are attending this first Mass. Additional information will be available soon.

Prayer for Our Parish Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest,
Hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priests.
Give them a deep faith a bright and firm hope
and a burning love which will ever
increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them.

In their sorrows, strengthen them.

In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church, they are needed by souls, they are needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination, and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which need them so much.

Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen

Another Trip to the Divine Mercy Shrine! - on Saturday, August 18, 2012. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Departure time 6:00 A.M. For more information call the Legion of Mary 718-440-1328.

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY—The Puerto Rican committee invite you to a trip to Bally's on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Departure time is 7:30 A.M. from St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude. Cost for the trip is \$40. For more information please call Aida Rodriguez - 718-471-1912.



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 PM to 2:00 A.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.

2012 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

We are well on our way!

As of April 29, 2012, our pledges total \$41,494.00, just \$2,985.00 shy of our diocesan goal of \$44,489.00.

Imagine; we have reached this pledge amount based on only 216 commitments. We have over 1100 registered parishioners, I know that we can do better. Please consider making your pledge today. Thanks for your generosity.

We look forward to receiving commitments from at least 400 more of our parishioners. Please join your fellow parishioners in supporting this most important fundraising activity for our beloved parish.

If you have not made a pledge at all, please be sure to make it as soon as possible. We need the support of all parishioners. Please consider making at least a one-time pledge and payment.

REMEMBER: that every dollar over \$44,489.00 that is collected is returned to our parish. Please continue to make your payments before December 31, 2012.

The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering free speech and hearing screening in honor of "May is Better Hearing and Speech Month." They will be conducted on Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Seton Complex located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing. Please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule and appointment.

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

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4404.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1563.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5640.23

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

Vamos Adelante!

Hasta el 29 de abril del 2012, todos los compromisos llegaron a un total de \$41,494.00! Estamos a sólo \$2,985.00 de nuestro compromiso diocesano de \$ 44,489.00. Hemos llegado a este total basado en solo 216 promesas. Nuestra Iglesia tiene mas de 1100 miembros registrados, yo se bien que podemos hacer mucho mas. Por favor haga una promesa hoy. Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad.

Esperamos recibir promesas de por lo menos 400 de nuestros feligreses. Por favor apoye esta campaña tan importante para nuestra querida Iglesia. Si usted aún no ha hecho su promesa, por favor hágala lo mas pronto posible. Necesitamos el apoyo de todos nuestros feligreses. Por favor considere en hacer una sola contribución.

Recuerde: Cada dólar sobre los \$44,489.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Por favor siga haciendo sus pagos antes del 31 de Diciembre, 2012.

RIFA DEL VERANO 2012

Compre sus boletos ya!!! Los boletos están disponible para la venta. Tres boletos por libreto 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.



Quinto Domingo de Pascua

UNA ENREDADERA TESTARUDA

Luego de mudarme hace diez años a la casa donde ahora vivo, me sentí complacido de encontrar que en el jardín trasero había una muy saludable clemátide, que es una enredadera que se extiende rápidamente y produce grandes y hermosas flores en forma de estrella. Siempre había querido tener una clemátide en mi jardín. Debido a que me mudé en el verano, por casi toda la estación tuve la oportunidad de disfrutar de la belleza de cientos de flores que cubrían la enredadera. Desde ese verano he tratado, año tras año, de cuidar la enredadera. He leído libros sobre esta enredadera fácil de cultivar, he consultado con otros jardineros y buscado recomendaciones en Internet. He podado la clemátide en el tiempo apropiado y he abonado la tierra a su alrededor. En los últimos nueve años, el número total de flores cada verano ha llegado apenas a cinco. Me he sentido tentado a cortar la enredadera y cultivar una nueva, pero siempre recuerdo las cientos de flores del primer verano y año tras año me siento comprometido a intentar de nuevo.

FLORES DE FE

Algunas veces nuestra fe es como esta clemátide renuente. A pesar de que tratamos de alimentar y cuidar nuestra vida espiritual, muchas veces solamente producimos unas cuantas "flores". La metáfora usada por Jesús, la vid y las ramas, es un imagen hermosa y dice mucho de la persistencia en la vida de fe del creyente de hoy. Algunas veces nuestras experiencias de conversión llegan lentamente, y requieren de mucho tiempo y cuidado. Mientras mantengamos nuestra atención enfocada en el Señor, siempre habrá esperanza para que la fe profunda y la conversión florezcan dentro y alrededor de nosotros. Las palabras del Señor que continúan animándonos están cimentadas en el Evangelio de hoy: "El que permanece en mí y yo en él, ése da fruto abundante, porque sin mí nada pueden hacer".

VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY—El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Atlantic City el día Sábado 2 de Junio del 2012. Salida a las 7:30 A.M. de Santa María Estrella del Mar. Costo por boleto \$40. Para mas información y boletos, favor de comunicarse con Aida Rodríguez al 718-471-1912.

Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia - el Sábado, 18 de Agosto del 2012. El costo es \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para mas información favor llamar a la Legión de María al 718-440-1328.

**HORA SANTA POR LAS VOCACIONES
DOMINGO 6 DE MAYO DEL 2012 A LAS
2:30PM**

VOCACIONES ...

Nuestro diácono Giancarlo (Gino) Tomás Pattugulan será ordenado sacerdote el Sábado, 23 de junio 2012, en la Catedral-Basilica de Saint James. Gino celebrara su primera "Misa Solemne de Acción de Gracias en la Capilla de la Inmaculada Concepción en Douglaston a las 12:30 PM. Todos están invitados. Tendremos un autobús disponible para todos los que deseen asistir a su primera misa. Tendremos mas información mas adelante .

Oración Por Nuestros Sacerdotes

¡Oh, Jesús, nuestro Sumo Sacerdote,
Escucha nuestra humilde oración
en nombre de nuestros sacerdotes.

Dales una profunda fe, una esperanza luminosa
y firme y un amor ardiente para que puedan crecer en el
transcurso de su vida sacerdotal.

En la soledad, dales consuelo.

En sus penas, dales fortaleza.

En sus frustraciones, recuérdales que es a través del
sufrimiento que el alma se purifica, y que los necesitamos al
servicio de la Iglesia, que son necesarios
para las almas, que son necesarios
para la obra de la redención.

Oh piadosa Madre María, Madre de los sacerdotes,
mantenlos a estos tus hijos cerca
de tu corazón, estos sacerdotes que
están cerca de ti por su ordenación sacerdotal, y por el poder
que han recibido para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo en un
mundo que los necesitan tanto .

Oremos para que tu Señor seas su consuelo, su alegría, su
fortaleza, y sobre todo ayúdales a vivir y defender los ideales
de una vida célibe y consagrada. amén



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.

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 llamar a: Virginia Roundtree al 347-209-8836, Kathleen Daniels al 347-372-4837 o Yvonne Hall al 347-972-6831.