

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS*Saturday, May 7*

- 12:10 pm – Married Couples
 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
 Margarita Aponte (dec)
 Frank William Shelton (dec)
 7:30 pm – Blanca Hilda Crux Cordova (dec)
 Presentación de la bebe Rudinys Suriel
 Luis Manuel Rosa (dec)

Sunday, May 8—Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Maria Crespo (dec)
 Por los Sacerdotes, Robert Cunningham (dec)
 Rosa L. Feliciano, Barbara Cardona (dec)
 11:30 am – Familia Hortensia Hoyos—Acción de Gracias
 Genoveva Colon (dec)
 Rosa Lopez De Quimi (dec)
 Maria Bertha Sanchez (dec)
 Heidar Castillo (salud)
 La Madonna de Fatima
 Blanca y Kimberli Martinez (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
 Arthur Heatley (healing)

Monday, May 9

- 8:00 am – Mother's Day Novena
 12:10 pm – Carmelita Brazzier (healing)

Tuesday, May 10—St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i

- 8:00 am – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
 12:10 pm – Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 11

- 8:00 am – Mother's Day Novena
 12:10 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

Thursday, May 12—St. Nereus & St. Achilleus

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Carmelita Brazzier (healing)
 12:10 pm – Mother's Day Novena
 Judith Lespinasse (birthday)
 Carmelita Brazzier (healing)

Friday, May 13—Our Lady of Fatima

- 12:10 pm – Carmelita Brazzier (healing)
 7:30 pm – Novena del Dia de las Madres
 Rosa Eleana Fuentes (dec)

Saturday, May 14—St. Matthias

- 12:10 pm – Carmelita Brazzier (healing)
 5:00 pm – Mother's Day Novena
 7:30 pm – Por los que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas

Sunday, May 15—Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Reuben Vasquez (dec)
 11:30 am – Juan Carlos Zepeda (dec)
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
 Nancy Farrell (dec)

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 4-30 and 5-1 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Catholic Home Missions	Total Collection
5:00 PM	445	40	\$729.37	14	\$186.46	\$915.83
7:30 PM	275	28	\$441.78	6	\$140.09	\$581.87
8:15 AM	184	64	\$1,337.03	34	\$270.00	\$1,607.03
9:45 AM	212	59	\$490.42	31	\$196.28	\$686.70
11:30 AM	420	81	\$1,267.63	60	\$510.00	\$1,777.63
1:15 PM	399	70	\$1,374.00	25	\$328.70	\$1,702.70
Easter Gift		8	\$1,376.00		\$0.00	\$1,376.00
Totals	1935	350	\$7,016.23	170	\$1,631.53	\$8,647.76

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5637.07

(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.

PLEASE PRAY for Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Mirian Olmo, Laura Paula Clarke, Audie Naraine, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, Kathleen Briza, Norman Eskenazi, Vincent Hernandez and our faithful departed: Maureen Friel Peacock, Bill Murphy.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Acts 2:14, 22-33 * Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 * Lk 24:13-35
Mon * Acts 6:8-15 * Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 * Jn 6:22-29
Tues * Acts 7:51—8:1a * Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-7b, 8a, 17, 21ab * Jn 6:30-35
Wed * Acts 8:1b-8 * Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a * Jn 6:35-40
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 1:15-17, 20-26 * Ps 113:1-8 * Jn 15:9-17

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

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

*The Vigil light is given in thanksgiving for **Ahida Cabrera.***

**COMMUNION 2011**

**Congratulations to the students of the Religious Education Program who received
First Holy Communion.**

Religious Education Program

Last Saturday, April 30, 2011—5:00 P.M. Mass

Angelica Antigua	Bryan Hernandez-Ayala
Jorge Ayala Hernandez	Josabeth Lopez-Castenada
Alain Balboa	Aaliyah Mayorga Miranda
Izhabelle Barlatier	Nathalie Moreno
Dayrius Beltran	Joshua Nolbert
Erving Beltran	Iziegbeuwa Odia
Kevin Beltran	Edward Pena
Antonio Caceres	Cindi Reyes
Michael Descilien	Jessica Reyes
Brittany Fajardo	Nicole Rosa
Jocelyn Gonzelez	Justin Santos
Lucila Gonzelez	Alliyah St. Omer
Lisbeth Guzman Guerra	Nathaniel Stewart
Raul Gonzalez	Melissa Ventura-Ayala
Santos Hercules	Trisha Villanueva

Last Sunday, MAY 1, 2010 1:15 P.M.

Januel Araujo	Blanca Martinez
Michelle Barros	Esmeralda Martinez
Shawnice Bynoe	Jaime Martinez
Genesis Contreas	Aaliyah Naraine
Fatima Cubias	Joshua Ojeda
Hailey Gonzalez	Douglas Orellano
Rafael Gonzalez	Nathalie Rivas
Jonathan Guardado	Joseph Rodriguez
Danijee Jean Pierre	Melissa Rodriguez
Daniel Linares	Vanessa Romero

Claudio Torribo

The Bells of St. Mary's Are Calling You Home!
June 4, 2011 – 3-7 PM

As you know, St. Mary's School is closing at the end of June. All alumni are cordially invited to a celebration of 134 years of Catholic Education in Far Rockaway. The festivities will begin with Mass at 3 PM, immediately followed by a tour of the school and a cocktail reception. The reception will feature finger foods – think hot dogs! – beer, wine, soft drinks and live music! Admission is only \$20 per person (adults only please)! Parking will be available in the school yard and at the St. John's Episcopal Hospital (employee parking field on Beach 20th Street). Additional details available from Lillian Matlock Higgins (516-561-2770) or Julia Waldron (718-327-1189). Registration and payment information is available on the St. Mary's website: www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org.



Third Sunday of Easter

AND IT HAPPENED THAT . . .

The two major components of today's familiar Gospel hinge on this phrase: "And it happened that . . ." But what monumental moments of grace that seemingly insignificant phrase introduces! The first time it appears, the risen Christ joins the disciples on their journey. The second time, he joins them at table and breaks bread with them. Twice also there are "openings" in this passage. The first is the opening of the scriptures to the disciples, which will help them realize that through this "breaking open" of God's inspired word their hearts came to burn with the fire of faith. Second, the breaking of the bread causes their eyes to be opened, so that they recognize Christ with them. And so it happens, each and every Lord's Day, as it happened on this "first day of the week," that in the opening of the word and the breaking of the bread, we come to know Christ with us.

FINDING GOD IN BROKEN THINGS

The two disciples were having trouble, as many of us still do today, finding the presence of God in broken things. The body of their Lord had been broken on a cross. They were confused at the broken seal on the tomb—not yet understanding what this meant—thinking perhaps that the grave had been desecrated. Their dreams of the reign of God that Jesus had preached were broken, too. Luke tells us they were "downcast." They were surely not expecting to find God's presence in this stranger on the road whom they did not recognize. But as they continued on their journey with him, his sharing of the scriptures inspired them to keep him as companion, and at their table he became the host. Then grace was present, known, seen, and believed in the broken bread. Their joy overcame their fear of traveling after nightfall (a dangerous undertaking in that time and place), and they sped to Jerusalem to share their good news. We, too, must journey with Jesus, allow him to open our eyes and set our hearts on fire. Then, overcoming all our fears in joyful faith, we must continue on as messengers of the gospel.

A bilingual Evening Prayer, hosted by the parish's Vocations Committee, will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 5:00 PM, at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. The celebrant is Msgr. Bracken. Everyone is invited. Please join us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you for your contribution to help strengthen the Church home! Your generosity will provide much needed training for lay persons in parishes that rarely see priests, aid to parishes struggling to keep their doors open, and support for many other essential pastoral works in poor dioceses across the United States. To learn more about Home Mission funding and who the Appeal helps, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, MOTHERS TO BE AND GODMOTHERS



The Magic of a Mother's Touch

There's magic in a mother's touch,
and sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
to make our lives worthwhile
We can find both hope and courage
Just by looking in her eyes
her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise.
There is a kindness and compassion to
be found in her embrace
and we see the light of Heaven
Shining from a mother's face.

-Author Unknown

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.

THE LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Lay Ministry Program is for sponsored persons who wish to serve in parish ministry. Over a three year period, participants are provided with academic, pastoral, human and spiritual formation. If you are open to filled a need with your parish ministries, speak with your pastor/administrator about applying to the Lay Ministry Program 2010-2014. Contact the parish office for a Registration Form or contact the Pastoral Institute at 718-229-8001, ext. 350 or E-mail: PastoralInstitute@diobrook.org.

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://mygmwme.org>.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$8647.76****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5637.07****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!

NUESTRO CORAZÓN ARDÍA



Tercer Domingo de Pascua

AQUEL MISMO DÍA . . .

Los dos componentes principales del evangelio tan familiar de hoy giran sobre esta frase: "Aquel mismo día . . .". ¡Pero a qué momentos tan monumentales de gracia esta frase aparentemente insignificante sirve de umbral! El primer momento es cuando Cristo resucitado se une a los discípulos mientras van de camino. La segunda ocasión es cuando él se sienta a la mesa con ellos y parte el pan. También se dan dos "aperturas" en este pasaje del evangelio. La primera sucede cuando Jesús les "abre" o explica las Escrituras y el corazón de ellos arde con la llama de la fe. La segunda es cuando "se les abrieron los ojos" al reconocer a Jesús al partir el pan. Y así sucede, cada día del Señor, como sucedió "aquel mismo día" que al abrir la Palabra y en la fracción del pan reconocemos a Cristo entre nosotros.

ENCONTRAR A DIOS EN MEDIO DE LOS QUEBRANTOS

Los dos discípulos, al igual que muchos de nosotros hoy, tenían dificultad en encontrar la presencia de Dios en medio de una situación quebrantadora. Habían quebrado el cuerpo de su Señor en la cruz. Estaban confusos ante la tumba abierta –todavía sin saber lo que eso significaba– pensando quizás que habían cometido sacrilegio con el sepulcro. Sus sueños del reino de Dios que Jesús había predicado se habían roto también. Lucas nos dice que estaban "tristes". Seguramente no esperaban encontrar la presencia de Dios en ese forastero caminante a quien no reconocieron. Pero mientras seguían su camino junto a él, la explicación de la Escritura que les dio los inspiró a pedirle que se quedara con ellos y hasta lo invitaron a compartir su mesa. Fue entonces, en la fracción del pan y porque la gracia estuvo presente, que llegaron a entender, ver y creer. Su alegría venció su miedo de viajar después del anochecer (una empresa muy peligrosa en aquel tiempo y lugar) y partieron de prisa hacia Jerusalén para compartir la Buena Nueva. También nosotros tenemos que caminar con Jesús, dejar que él abra nuestros ojos y haga arder nuestro corazón. Entonces, venciendo todos nuestros temores con una fe alegre, debemos seguir adelante como mensajeros del evangelio.

COLECTA ESPECIAL

Muchas gracias por sus contribuciones para ayudar a fortalecer la Iglesia en casa! Su generosidad proporcionara la capacitación necesaria a los laicos de esas parroquias que rara vez ven a un sacerdote, dará ayuda a las parroquias que luchan por mantener sus puertas abiertas y financiara muchas otras labores pastorales en las diócesis pobres de Estados Unidos. Para informarse mas acerca de los fondos para las Misiones Católicas y a quienes ayuda este Llamado, por favor visite www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Servicio de Oración Bilingüe, organizado por el Comité de Vocaciones, se llevara a cabo el Domingo 22 de Mayo a las 5:00 PM, en la Iglesia Santa María. El celebrante será el Monseñor Bracken. Todos son bienvenidos.

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.



FELIZ DÍA DE LAS MADRES A TODAS LAS MADRES, ABUELAS, FUTURAS MADRES Y MADRINAS

La Magia en el toque suave de una Madre

Hay magia en el toque suave de una madre,
y la luz del sol en su sonrisa
Hay amor en todo lo que hace para
que nuestras vidas tengan sentido.
Podemos encontrar valor y esperanza
Solamente mirando en sus ojos
su risa es una fuente de alegría,
sus palabras son tibias y sabias.
Hay bondad y compasión
que se puede encontrar en su abrazo
y vemos la luz del Cielo
Brillar de la cara de una madre.

-Autor Desconocido-