

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



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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

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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, May 8*

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
 5:00 pm – Mark Smith—Thanksgiving
 7:30 pm – Carmela De La Cruz, Ana Hernandez (dec)
 Candida Talavera, Gregoria Talavera (dec)

Sunday, May 9– Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am – Matthew Glomb, Shirley DuVerney (healing)
 9:45 am – Alexandria y Maya Vega (birthday)
 Maria Crespo (dec), Juan Avile (dec)
 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes, Rosa Eva Lopez (dec)
 Consuelo Lemus (dec), Rosa Davila (dec)
 Aurora Mazariegos (dec)
 Rosa Lila Feliciano (dec)
 Barbara Torres Cardona (dec)
 Horacio Romo Farias (dec)
 Maria Elda Lopez (dec)
 Ana Julia Talavera (dec)
 Irene Mejia (cumpleaños)
 Amalia Rodriguez (salud)
 1:15 pm – Marcelino Domingo (dec)
 Marie Helene Joseph—Thanksgiving

Monday, May 10—Bl. Damien Joseph de Veuster

- 8:00 am – Mother's Day Novena
 12:10 pm – Carmela De La Cruz (dec)

Tuesday, May 11

- 8:00 am – Mass available
 12:10 pm – Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 12—Ss. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras

- 8:00 am – Mother's Day Novena
 Carmen Garces (birthday)
 12:10 pm – David Anthony Colon, Stephen Matlock (dec)

Thursday, May 13—The Ascension of the Lord

- 8:00 am – Mass available
 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
 12:10 pm – Mother's Day Novena
 Rosa Elena Fuentes (dec)

Friday, May 14—St. Matthias

- 8:00 pm – Mass available
 12:10 pm – Chester Shanoskie (dec)
 7:30 pm – Novena del Día de las Madres

Saturday, May 15—St. Isidore

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
 5:00 pm – Mother's Day Novena
 Mass for the People, Carlton DuVerney (dec)
 7:30 pm – Juan Carlos Zepeda (dec)

Sunday, May 16– Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am – Mass available
 9:45 am – Reuben Vazquez (dec), Juanita Fox (dec)
 Paul Joseph Defiore (dec), Joyce Arthur (dec)
 Bardomero Vargas (dec)
 San Pancracio—Thanksgiving
 11:30 am – Novena del Día de las Madres
 Maria De La Paz (dec), Bernardo Lemus (dec)
 Jose Gabriel Mazariegos (dec)
 1:15 pm – Mass available

**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 5-1 & 5-2 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env	1st Collection	# of Env	Catholic Home Missions	Total Collection
5:00 PM	284	61	\$919.46	25	\$235.07	\$1,154.53
7:30 PM	190	42	\$504.06	21	\$155.80	\$659.86
8:15 AM	202	75	\$1,022.20	47	\$204.00	\$1,226.20
9:45 AM	160	89	\$1,006.60	32	\$202.56	\$1,209.16
11:30 AM	432	127	\$1,179.98	56	\$406.03	\$1,586.01
1:15 PM	536	80	\$1,004.77	44	\$304.00	\$1,308.77
Totals	1804	474	\$5,637.07	225	\$1,507.46	\$7,144.53

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5691.03

(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 THE SICK: Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Bishop Joseph Sullivan, Maria Patricia Montero, Robert Cunningham, Zoila Yepez, Pedro Bonilla, Levonnie 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: Calixte Rodolphe.

**Weekday Readings**

Sun * Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 * Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 * Jn 14:23-29

Mon * Acts 16:11-15 * Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b * Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tues * Acts 16:22-34 * Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 * Jn 16:5-11

Wed * Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 * Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 * Jn 16:12-15

Thurs * Acts 1:1-11 * Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 * Lk 24:46-53

Fri * Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 * Ps 113:1-8 * Jn 15:9-17

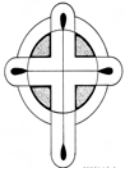
Sat * Acts 18:23-28 * Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 * Jn 16:23b-28

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,

Last Monday evening I was able to meet with many of our parish leaders for the second part of our parish evaluation project. This is all part of the Diocesan effort called Christ Jesus, Our Hope. It was a very productive meeting as we plan for the future as a parish family. I was able to share information with them and then ask them to respond to a series of questions about our strengths and weaknesses. It was a very productive meeting and I am grateful to all of the leaders who were able to attend. If you would like to learn more about the process of diocesan reconfiguration please visit the special web site: www.ChristJesusOurHope.org. All of the important information on the process is available in English and Spanish.

Over the last two weekends our parish had almost 90 children receive their First Holy Communion! The First Communion Masses were beautiful celebrations thanks to the planning and hard work of so many. I am grateful to Ms. Maria Beyra and Ms. Angela Brucia for all that they do in preparing our children for the sacraments. I am also grateful to the faculty of St. Mary's School and the catechists of our parish who volunteer their time in order to share their faith. I am grateful to Joseph Villadiego, the choir and all of the liturgical ministers for their help and cooperation. It is my hope that these children will come and receive Jesus in the Eucharist every Sunday. Please, as members of this parish, encourage your children and grandchildren to come and receive this special gift that the Lord gives to us each Sunday. There are so many people who stay home on Sundays. They are our children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and grandchildren. It is my experience that the best way to evangelize is through a simple invitation. Have you invited anyone lately? Would you join me in extending a special invitation to come to church to one person this coming week?

As many of you know the Catholic Bishops of the English speaking world have given their approval for the Revised Roman Missal. This means that the prayers that we use at Mass will be changing. This process of creating a new translation has been a long and difficult process. Over the next few weeks I will be using this column to publish different articles about these new prayers and when the Church will put them into effect. These changes will only be taking place in English as the Spanish Roman Missal has not yet been revised. There is a special web site that has been created in order to help prepare our people for the changes. You can visit that site at

The Catholic Book Discussion Group will begin meeting this Monday evening at St. Mary's Rectory. Our first book will be Father James Martin's *My Life with the Saints*. Copies are available in English and Spanish. The English group will meet at 7:00 P.M. and the Spanish group will meet at 8:15 P.M. It is not too late to join! If you need a copy of the

book I still have a few free copies. All those who are already reading the book are asked to please read chapters 1 and 2 for Monday night.

There is still space available for all those who would like to attend the special 50th Anniversary Mass for Father Vincent Gallo on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at St. Pancras Church in Glendale at 11:30 A.M. If you would like to join us in celebrating this special day for Father Gallo please contact either rectory office to leave your name and telephone number. The bus will be leaving from St. Mary Star of the Sea at 10:15 A.M. All are welcome!

With Love in Christ,
Father Jim

Altar Server Schedule for May 15-16, 2010

Sat. 5:00 PM - Daniel, Jose & Raquel Reina
 Sat. 7:30 PM - Amilcar & Jonathan Lizama, Pablo & Jenny Castellon
 Sun. 8:15 AM - Bianca Salonga, Michael Riley, Sergio & Estefany Caceres
 Sun. 11:30 AM - Michelle Martinez, Cynthia Contreras, Ketcia Alvarez
 Sun. 1:15 PM - Jacques & Katia Mathieu, Jennifer Puluc

Christ Jesus Our Hope—This week's Tablet contains a summary of the last two date reports for the Diocese. The first is a demographic report that provides an overview of the "big picture" of Brooklyn and Queens and considers how the Church might respond to changes in the population of our city. The second report focuses on pastoral leadership: priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters and lay leaders. As we continue to plan for the future we must consider the future of church leadership as well as projected changes in the wider population. If you wish to read the complete demographic and pastoral leadership reports, please visit www.ChristJesusOurHope.org.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, GOD-MOTHERS AND MOTHERS TO BE!

Only a Mother's Love

Only a mother's love will sustain,
 When nobody else does.
 Only a mother's love will trust,
 When nobody else believes.
 Only a mother's love will forgive,
 When nobody else understands.
 Only a mother's love will honor,
 Whatever the cause.
 Only a mother's love will withstand,
 Any test of time.
 There is no other earthly love,
 Greater than that of a mother.

Father Vincent Gallo will be celebrating his 50th anniversary ordination to the priesthood at St. Pancreas 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.

Adopt-a-Priest corner

"Let your word, Father, be a lamp for our feet and a light to our path, so that we may understand what you wish to teach us and follow the path your light marks out for us."

We are still receiving letters of appreciation for our prayers. Here is yet another one:

"Your kindness and prayers are deeply appreciated. Please thank whoever is my adopted collaborator in the vineyard for me."

Father Joseph M. Nolan

The jubilee 'Year of the Priest' will end on June 20, 2010. Please remember to continue to pray for your 'Adopted Priest.' If you have forgotten the name of your priest, contact me, Joanne Murray, for the information on 718 327-1133, ext. 16.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Whoever loves me
will keep



my word

VOCATIONS – Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Those who love Me will keep my word." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

Next week, our brothers and sisters representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries – all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourist, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Website: www.bcfmission.org.

Are You Receiving Your Envelopes?

If you had been receiving envelopes but are not receiving them now, please let me know as soon as possible. Envelopes are mailed out every two months. It is important to let us know if you are not receiving your envelopes. The next envelope mailing will be for June-July will be by May 26, 2010. If you have not received these envelopes by May 31, 2010, call me on 718 327-1133, ext. 16.

Joanne Murray

2010 Diocesan Migration Day Mass

Saturday, May 22, 2010 – 3:00 P.M.

Regina Pacis Church
1230 65th St. Brooklyn, NY

Please join Auxiliary Bishop Octavio Cisneros, D.D., main celebrant of the Diocesan Migration Day Mass, along with the Vicar for Ethnic & Migrant Apostolates and all Apostolate Coordinators of the Diocese for this multi-ethnic Liturgy. Members of the various communities and others from across the diocese will participate in celebrating the richness of our Catholic diversity. All are welcome!

Eileen George – Teaching and Healing Service **Rockaway Schedule**

Eileen George will be in Rockaway on June 3, 4 and 5 to conduct a parish mission. She is world renowned for her healing ministry. Through her ministry, Meet-the-Father, Eileen seeks to make God the Father known in accordance with Roman Catholic teaching, perpetuating healing in all aspects of our human condition. She will be at **St. Francis de Sales**, on June 3 and June 5 at 7:30PM. On both nights, Eileen will give a talk, followed by a healing service where she will call out healings as inspired by God the Father. After the healing service, we will have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be available for Confession both evenings at St. Francis. Eileen will be at **St. Rose of Lima**, on June 4. Immediately following the 7:30PM mass, Eileen will give a talk, followed by a healing service where she will call out healings. Eileen's books will be available each evening. For more information about Eileen's Meet-the-Father Ministry visit www.eileengeorge.org.

Día de Migración Diocesano 2010

Sábado, 22 de Mayo, 2010— 3:00 P.M.

en la Parroquia Regina Pacis
1230 65th St. Brooklyn

Por favor acompañen al Obispo Auxiliar Octavio Cisneros D.D., celebrante principal de la Misa Diocesana del Día de Migración, junto con el Vicario de los Apostolados Étnicos & Migrantes y todos los Coordinadores de los Apostolados de la diócesis en esta Liturgia multiétnica. Miembros de varias comunidades étnicas de toda la diócesis participaran en la celebración de la riqueza de nuestra diversidad Católica. Todos son bienvenidos!

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7144.53

Primera Colecta el Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5691.03

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

LA PAZ
LES DEJO

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

El lunes pasado pude reunirme con los líderes de la parroquia para la segunda parte de nuestro proyecto de evaluación parroquial. Todo esto es parte del esfuerzo Diocesano llamado Cristo Jesús, Nuestra Esperanza. Esta fue una reunión muy productiva porque estuvimos planeando para el futuro como una familia parroquial. Pude compartir la información con ellos y luego les pedí contestar una serie de preguntas sobre nuestros puntos mas fuertes y sobre nuestras debilidades. Les estoy agradecido a todos los líderes que pudieron asistir a esta reunión. Si desea conocer un poco más sobre el proceso de reconfiguración diocesano por favor visite el sitio Web especial: www.ChristJesusOurHope.org. Toda la información importante en el proceso está disponible en inglés y español.

¡Durante los dos pasados fines de semana tuvimos varias celebraciones de la Primera Comunión donde casi 90 niños recibieron este sacramento! Estas celebraciones estuvieron muy hermosas gracias a la planificación y el trabajo de muchos. Les estoy muy agradecido a la Sra. María Beyra y la Sra. Angela Brucia por todo lo que hacen para preparar a nuestros niños para los sacramentos. También les estoy muy agradecido a los maestros de la Escuela Santa María y a los catequistas de nuestra parroquia que ofrecen su tiempo para compartir su fe. Les estoy agradecido a Joseph Villadiego, el coro y todos los ministros litúrgicos por su ayuda y cooperación. Espero que estos niños regresen y sigan recibiendo a Jesús en la Eucaristía cada domingo. Por favor, como miembros de esta parroquia, anime a sus niños y nietos a venir y recibir este regalo especial que el Señor nos da cada domingo. Hay muchas personas que se quedan en casa los domingos. Estos son nuestros niños, hermanos y hermanas, esposos y esposas y nietos. Por experiencia puedo decir que la mejor manera de evangelizar es con una simple invitación. ¿Ha invitado usted a alguien a la Iglesia últimamente? ¿Puede unirse usted a mí para hacerle una invitación especial a alguna persona a venir a la Iglesia esta próxima semana?

Como muchos de ustedes saben los Obispos Católicos Americanos han dado su aprobación para el Misal Romano Modificado. Esto significa que las oraciones que usamos en la misa cambiarán. Este proceso de la una nueva traducción ha sido un proceso largo y difícil. Durante las próximas semanas estaré usando esta columna para publicar

diferentes artículos sobre estas nuevas oraciones como también cuando la Iglesia los pondrá en práctica. Estos cambios se llevarán a cabo en inglés ya que el Misal romano en español todavía no ha sido modificado. Hay un sitio Web especial que ha sido creado para poder ayudar a preparar a nuestra gente para estos cambios. Usted puede visitar www.RevisedRomanMissal.org.

El Grupo de Discusión del Libro Católico comenzará a reunirse este lunes en la rectoría de Santa María. El grupo de inglés se reunirá a las 7:00 y el grupo de español se reunirá a las 8:15 P.M. Nuestro primer libro será "Mi Vida con los Santos" del Padre James Martín. Los libros están disponibles en inglés y español. ¡Todavía esta a tiempo para unirse a nosotros! Si usted necesita una copia del libro todavía tengo unos cuantos disponibles. Todos aquellos que ya han comenzado a leer el libro le pido que vuelvan a leer los capítulos 1 y 2 para el lunes.

Todavía tenemos espacios disponibles para todos aquellos que deseen asistir a la Misa del 50 Aniversario del Padre Vincent Gallo el domingo, 23 de mayo de 2010 en la Iglesia San Pancras en Glendale a las 11:30 A.M. Si usted desea unirse a nosotros para esta celebración especial por favor póngase en contacto con una o la otra rectoría y deje su nombre y número de teléfono. El autobús saldrá de Santa María a las 10:15 A.M. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Con Amor en Cristo,
Padre Jim

Esta usted recibiendo los sobres de la ofrenda?

Si usted recibe los sobres normalmente, pero no los ha recibido últimamente, por favor déjeme saber. Los sobre se envían cada dos meses. Es importante que nos informe si no esta recibiendo los sobres. Los sobres para Junio y Julio serán enviados para el 26 de Mayo, 2010. Si usted no recibe los sobres para el 31 de Mayo, 2010 por favor llámeme al 718 327 -1133, ext. 16.

Joanne Murray



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

Solo el Amor de una Madre

Sólo el amor de una Madre apoyará,
cuando todo el mundo deja de hacerlo.

Sólo el amor de una Madre confiará,
cuando nadie otro cree.

Sólo el amor de una Madre perdonará,
cuando ninguno otro entenderá.

Sólo el amor de una Madre honrará,
no importa en qué pruebas haz estado.

Sólo el amor de una Madre resistirá,
por cualquier tiempo de prueba.

No hay ningún otro amor terrenal,
más grande que el de una Madre.