

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



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**PAROCHIAL VICAR**  
Rev. Jean Yvon Pierre, Ext. 27

**PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**  
Deacon Michael C. Moss  
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero  
Deacon Candidate Rene Hernandez

**PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**  
Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
Mrs. Carmen Montero, Ext. 10

**IN RESIDENCE:**  
Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18  
Rev. Fredrick Anawonah, Ext. 17

**WEEKEND ASSISTANT:**  
Rev. Edward Smith

**TRUSTEES:**  
Lillian Virginia Roundtree  
Miguel Jimenez

**PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:**  
Yvonne Hall

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:**  
Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25  
Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, 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

**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, May 14—St. Matthias*

- 12:10 pm – Carmelita Brazzier (healing)  
 5:00 pm – Mother's Day Novena  
 7:30 pm – Carlos Cabrera (dec)  
 Circuncion Maldonado (dec)

*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)  
 San Pancracio (salud)  
 11:30 am – Juan Carlos Zepeda (dec)  
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
 Amberlyn Azcona (cumpleaños)  
 Natalie Azcona (cumpleaños)  
 Presentacion del bebe Kevin Uria  
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving  
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
 Nancy Farrell (dec)  
 Derick Thaddeus George—Thanksgiving  
 2:30 pm – Haitian Mass

*Monday, May 16*

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

*Tuesday, May 17*

- 8:00 am – Married Couples  
 12:10 pm – Nancy Farrell (dec)

*Wednesday, May 18—St. John I*

- 8:00 am – Vocations  
 12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound

*Thursday, May 19*

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Married Couples  
 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces

*Friday, May 20—St. Bernardine of Siena*

- 12:10 pm – Deceased Members of the Parish  
 7:30 pm – Por los niños de la Parroquia

*Saturday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes & his Companions*

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces  
 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)  
 John Odia (50th birthday)  
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
 7:30 pm – Por los que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas

*Sunday, May 22 —Fifth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish  
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Por las almas del Purgatorio  
 11:30 am – Vocaciones  
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving  
 Robert J. Cunningham (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 Collection**Weekend of 5-7, & 5-8 2011

<u>Mass Time</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>1st Collection</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>Mother's Day Mass Rem</u>	<u>Total Collection</u>
5:00 PM	75	40	\$637.01	19	\$203.91	\$840.92
7:30 PM	177	19	\$246.84	14	\$157.81	\$404.65
8:15 AM	238	87	\$2,027.54	39	\$271.30	\$2,298.84
9:45 AM	182	62	\$891.09	34	\$387.99	\$1,279.08
11:30 AM	484	91	\$1,419.50	42	\$383.68	\$1,803.18
1:15 PM	537	69	\$931.56	50	\$597.19	\$1,528.75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1693</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>\$6,153.54</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>\$2,001.88</b>	<b>\$8,155.42</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year:  
\$5607.61**

**(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, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Mirian Olmo, Laura Paula Clarke, Auddie Naraine, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, Kathleen Briza, Norman Eskenazi, Vincent Hernandez, Manuel Chinchilla and our faithful departed.

**Weekday Readings**

**Sun** \* Acts 2:14a, 36-41 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Jn 10:1-10

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

**Tues** \* Acts 11:19-26 \* Ps 87:1-7 \* 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 2:6-11 \* Jn 14:1-6

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



## COMMUNION 2011

Congratulations to the students of the Religious Education Program and St. Mary's School who received First Holy Communion.

Last Sunday, May 8, 2011—1:15 P.M. Mass  
Religious Education Program

Giselle Alfaro  
 Kareena Alli  
 Nataly Blanco Arias  
 Anthony Bonilla  
 William Castro  
 Colby Clarke  
 Frantz Compere  
 Viviana Deleon  
 Briana Fevrier  
 Briana Fevrier

Aiden Gwyn  
 Hilda Hernandez Yamilet  
 Jahleel Jean-Jacques  
 Jesli Martinez  
 Rosalinda Martinez  
 Carina Osorio  
 Wendy Pocasangre  
 Nieldiz Rodriguez  
 Dante Salomon  
 Ahnjaiyes Santizo Hancock

Waverly Gerena

### School

Jocelyn Argudo  
 Luis Carpio  
 Dennys Castillo  
 Judith Castillo  
 Victor Chanax  
 Marlin Flores  
 Maylee Garcia  
 Ariangy Gomez  
 Christina Gonsalves

John Michaelsen  
 Jashanda Ogaldez  
 Samantha Osorio  
 Alexi Paculanan  
 Kevin Phelan  
 Brittanie Rodriguez  
 Stefany Rosas  
 Jason Soto  
 Lexa Torres

***The Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude***

***Invites You to Attend***

***The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass***

***In Thanksgiving For the Ordination of  
 Deacon Rene Hernandez***

***Sunday May 29, 2011***

***1:15 pm***

***At St Mary Star of the Sea R.C. Church***

***Beach 20<sup>th</sup> Street and***

***New Haven Avenue***

***Far Rockaway NY, 11691***

***Reception to Follow Immediately After Mass in School Auditorium***



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### THAT'S NOT ME

I will never forget my very first day of school. In those days, class sizes in Catholic grammar schools were quite large; my first grade class had fifty-two students. Our teacher made large name tags for each of us to wear that first day. Unfortunately, my name tag read "Edward Gallagher." This is not my name. When I saw this, I tried to protest, "Sister, that's not my . . ." She immediately responded, "Now, Edward, there will be no talking back to Sister." I tried again, "But Sister . . ." Her hands more than full with fifty-two of us, there apparently just wasn't time for this conversation. So, I went through my first day of school named someone I was not. I will never forget my mother's face as she stood on the front porch ready to welcome her first-born son home from his first day of school. She took one look at "Edward Gallagher," frowned, and immediately went to the phone to straighten things out with the school.

### CALLED BY NAME

This early life experience taught me much about the value and importance of my name. In today's Gospel we hear the Lord Jesus tell his followers that sheep learn to recognize the voice of the shepherd. They will not follow a stranger's voice. In the Rite of Baptism, the very first question put to the parents is, "What name do you give your child?" And just before the words "I baptize you . . ." the priest or deacon calls the one to be baptized by name. In a sense, we learn to hear our name called by God from the moment of our rebirth in the waters of baptism. This is the root of all vocational calls, whether to marriage, holy orders, or the consecrated life. On a day when we remember that Jesus is our caring shepherd, let us listen once again to the Lord calling us each by name into loving service.



**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.

### MOTHER'S DAY DANCE RAFFLE WINNERS

Rosa Alejo—#681502—32" TV  
Rafael Campo—#681103—Woman's watch  
Ketcia Alvarez—#681678—Man's watch  
Sonia Santos—#680872—Basket



### *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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org).

### 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

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](mailto:PastoralInstitute@diobrook.org).

### 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.

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

Domingo Pasado: \$8155.42

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5607.61

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!

**Cuarto Domingo de Pascua****ÉSE NO SOY YO**

Nunca olvidaré mi primer día de clases. En aquellos días las escuelas primarias católicas tenían un gran número de alumnos. En mi clase de primer grado había cincuenta y dos estudiantes. La maestra hizo una etiqueta con cada uno de nuestros nombres y nos la entregó para que nos la pusiéramos ese primer día de clase. Lamentablemente, mi etiqueta decía "Edward Gallagher". Ése no es mi nombre. Cuando noté eso, intenté protestar: "Hermana, ése no es mi . . .". Ella respondió inmediatamente: "Edward, no se le debe contestar a una hermana". Intenté nuevamente, "Pero hermana . . .". Ella tenía las manos llenas con cincuenta y dos de nosotros, y aparentemente no había tiempo para esta conversación. Así es que pasé mi primer día de clases con un nombre que no era el mío. Nunca olvidaré el rostro de mi madre parada en la puerta de la casa ansiosa por recibir a su primogénito luego de su primer día de clases. Miró la etiqueta que leía "Edward Gallagher", frunció el ceño, e inmediatamente llamó a la escuela para aclarar el asunto.

**LLAMADOS POR NUESTRO NOMBRE**

Esta temprana vivencia me enseñó mucho sobre el valor y la importancia de mi nombre. En el evangelio de hoy escuchamos a Jesús decirle a sus discípulos que las ovejas aprenden a reconocer la voz del pastor. No siguen la voz de un extraño. En el rito del bautismo, la primera pregunta que se les hace a los padres es: "¿Qué nombre le dan a su hijo?" Y justo antes de decir las palabras "Yo te bautizo . . ." el sacerdote o diácono llama al que está por ser bautizado por su nombre. En cierto modo, aprendemos a escuchar nuestro nombre pronunciado por Dios desde el momento de nuestro renacimiento en las aguas bautismales. Ésta es la raíz de toda llamada vocacional, ya sea el matrimonio, el orden sagrado o la vida consagrada. En este día que recordamos que Jesús es nuestro bondadoso pastor, escuchemos una vez más al Señor, que nos llama a cada uno por nuestro nombre para ser fieles servidores.

**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.

**Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis****Los Invita a la Celebración de la Santa Misa****En Acción de Gracias por la Ordenación del****Diacono Rene Hernandez****Domingo 29 de Mayo, 2011  
1:15 pm**

**En la  
Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar  
Beach 20<sup>th</sup> Street y  
New Haven Avenue  
Far Rockaway NY, 11691**

**Seguida por una Recepción en el  
Auditorio de la Escuela Santa María**

**Las Campañas de Santa María Te Lllaman de Nuevo a Casa!****Junio 4, 2011 – 3-7 PM**

Como ustedes saben, la Escuela Santa María cerrará sus puertas a fines de Junio. Todos los alumnos están cordialmente invitados a una celebración de 134 años de Educación Católica en Far Rockaway. La festividad comenzará con una Misa a las 3 PM, inmediatamente seguida por una recepción en la escuela. La recepción consistirá de entremeses— hot dogs!— cervezas, vino, sodas y música! Admisión solamente \$20 por persona (adultos solamente)! Habrá estacionamiento disponible en la escuela y en el Hospital St. John. Para mas información favor llamar a Lillian Matlock Higgins (516-561-2770) o Julia Waldron (718-327-1189). Visite el espacio web de Santa María [www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org](http://www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org) para mas información o para hacer su reservación.

**CELEBRACION DEL DIA DE LAS MADRES  
PREMIOS DE LA RIFA**

Rosa Alejo—#681502—TV 32"  
Rafael Campo—#681103—Reloj de Mujer  
Ketcia Alvarez—#681678—Reloj de hombre  
Sonia Santos—#680872—Canasta