

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.

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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 15—St. Isidore

- 12:10 pm – Calixte Rodolphe (dec)
- 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 Arther (dec)
Bardomero Vargas (dec)
San Pancraccio—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 – John Nagle (dec)

Monday, May 17

- 8:00 am – Mother’s Day Novena
- 12:10 pm – John Nagle (dec)

Tuesday, May 18—St. John I and martyrs

- 8:00 am – John Nagle (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Mother’s Day Novena

Wednesday, May 19

- 8:00 am – Agnes Cashman (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Thursday, May 20—St. Bernardine of Siena

- 8:00 am – Natalie Porter—Thanksgiving
- 9:00 am – Rev. James Cunningham (15th Anniversary)
- 12:10 pm – Rev. James Cunningham (15th Anniversary)

Friday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes & companions

- 8:00 pm – Robert L. Cunningham
- 12:10 pm – John Nagle (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Saturday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Luciano Balzano (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Argelia Molina (dec)
Framcia Elena Perez (dec)

Sunday, May 23– Pentecost Sunday

- 8:15 am – Eugene Turner (dec)
- 9:45 am – Gabina Rosario (dec)
Raul Alberto Espinoza (dec)
- 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes
- 1:15 pm – Mass for the People

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Bishop Joseph Sullivan, Maria Patricia Montero, Robert Cunningham, Zoila Yopez, Pedro Bonilla, Levonne 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: Tullio Gaudio, Antoinette Johnson, Theresa Leone.

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

Mass Time	# of Attendees	Weekend of 5-8 & 5-9 2010				
		# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Reduction	Total Collection
5:00 PM	77	46	\$906.25	20	\$230.00	\$1,136.25
7:30 PM	175	27	\$410.12	11	\$212.25	\$622.37
8:15 AM	228	89	\$1,417.80	49	\$301.06	\$1,718.86
9:45 AM	190	49	\$582.31	30	\$220.49	\$802.80
11:30 AM	556	126	\$1,236.60	75	\$342.50	\$1,579.10
1:15PM	229	67	\$1,054.53	20	\$235.42	\$1,289.95
ParishPay	-	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	1455	404	\$5,607.61	205	\$1,541.72	\$7,149.33

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5227.51

(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.



VOCATIONS – *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

“You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth.” If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation

Office at 718-827-2454 .

Weekday Readings

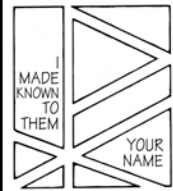
- Sun** * Acts 7:55-60* Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 * Jn 17:20-26
- Mon** * Acts 19:1-8 * Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b * Jn 16:29-33
- Tues** * Acts 20:17-27 * Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 * Jn 17:1-11a
- Wed** * Acts 20:28-38 * Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b * Jn 17:11b-19
- Thurs** * Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 * Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 * Jn 17:20-26
- Fri** * Acts 25:13b-21 * Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b * Jn 21:15-19
- Sat** * Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 * Ps 11:4-5, 7 * Jn 21:20-25

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.***



Seventh Sunday of Easter

THE COURAGE OF STEPHEN—The reading from Acts today follows a lengthy trial and discourse by Stephen, in which he retells Jewish history to the court from a

Christian perspective. Because he dares to proclaim Jesus as standing in heaven at the right side of God, the leaders of the court fear that Stephen could lead others into blasphemy, and so he is stoned to death. Stephen understands what we hear in the reading from Revelation today, that Jesus, with the Father, is indeed the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He knows that this truth is worth dying for. All who desire the tree of life need only receive the life-giving water of salvation and rest in the Lord, the bright morning star. This is a new understanding of how God interacts with humanity, and some of the Jewish leaders were not ready to hear this. But as we have seen in our scriptures throughout this Easter season, God's message of salvation is available to all, whenever they are ready to hear it.

THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE—There is a perfect unity between the Father and the Son. All those who believe are part of this unity as well. In God's great love for us we were given to the Son, and the Son has given us all that we need to be brought to perfection in the love of God. When we stand in the waters of baptism, we may at first think of our sins and our past as being washed away. But there is so much more than that. The waters of baptism are washing us into the love of the Father and Son. The water itself is divine love, love that overflows into our hearts and throughout all creation. We are loved creatures; we are precious to God. Jesus stands with the Father, holding us in the palm of his hand. If we can begin to understand the depth of this divine love, then we can be as brave as Stephen and proclaim the Good News of salvation courageously and without fear.

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 718 327-1133, ext. 16.

Joanne Murray

Altar Server Schedule for May 22-23, 2010

Sat. 5:00 PM - Isaiah Brown, Bianca Romero, Chris Hernandez

Sat. 7:30 PM - Vanessa Zipriano, Javier & Cecilia Chacon, Carolena Mayorga

Sun. 8:15 AM - Sebastian Rosas, Rosa Carpio, Matthew Gardner, James Conroy

Sun. 11:30 AM - Andrea & Alejandra Zarate, Jennifer Puluc

Sun. 1:15 PM - Kyle & Casey Conroy, Jamal Michel

*With Praise and Gratitude to
Almighty God
You are cordially invited to join
Father Vincent Gallo
as he celebrates
The 50th Anniversary of His Ordination
To the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2010
11:30 A.M.
Church of St. Pancras
72-22 68th Street
Glendale, New York
718-821-2323*

*The People of
St. Mary Star of the Sea and St.
Gertrude Parish
Request the Honor of your
Presence
At a
Mass of Thanksgiving and
Farewell
Celebrating the Ministry of
Deacon Antonio Bobadilla
On Saturday, June 11, 2010
6:30 P.M.*

*St. Mary Star of the Sea Church
1920 New Haven Avenue
Far Rockaway, New York*

*Please join us as we thank God for
Deacon Tony's ministry in our
parish these many years! All are
welcome!*

**A RECEPTION IN DEACON TONY'S
HONOR WILL BE HELD
IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS IN ST.
MARY STAR OF THE SEA RECTORY
GARDEN.**

Get Me to the Church on Time

There's a song about marriage in which the singer begs "Just get me to the church on time." Today, with cremation becoming a more popular way of committing the body to the elements after death, some of us might want to sing, "Just get me to the church!"

It's important for the body of the deceased Christian to be present for all three parts of the Christian funeral: the vigil, the liturgy, and the rite of committal. It's important on a number of levels. On a therapeutic level, spending time with the body allows survivors to come to grips with the reality of the loss. "I want to see him," a widow insists upon the news of her husband's death. "I won't believe it till I see him." It's vital to human grieving to be able to say good-bye, to touch or to kiss, even to whisper in the dead one's unhearing ear.

On a human level, washing and preparing and watching with a dead body is at the root of what we call culture. It is a symbolic behavior that separates us from the animals. Human beings are made up of body and soul, and the body is not a negligible part of the equation. To bury the dead, our tradition tells us, is a corporal work of mercy.

On the level of faith, there are many reasons why it is important that the body of the dead Christian be present for all three parts of the funeral. We believe in the resurrection of the body. We don't understand how God will do it, but we nonetheless believe that when time is over and Christ has returned to gather the then-living, those who have died will be raised. We will not be ghosts floating about, or indistinguishable drops of water in some cosmic sea. We will be individuals. And for us, that means embodied individuals. Our bodies will be different — incorruptible and changed, immortal and glorified, but bodies nonetheless. The care we take with the bodies of our beloved dead gives witness to this faith that comes to us from the apostles.

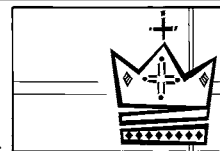
In fact, for hundreds of years the church barred cremation as a form of committing the body to the elements. The reason is that in the past, many who chose cremation did so precisely because they rejected belief in the resurrection of the body. These groups chose cremation in the belief that the body is inconsequential, or even something evil that needs to be destroyed. So believers chose instead to be buried, to have their bodies planted like seeds in the earth. Today, cremation is not associated with such denial and so has become an option for Christians.

But since liturgy "works" according to signs perceptible to the senses, the best order in which to do things is to celebrate the vigil and the liturgy with the body, and then take it to the crematory. When the ashes are ready, then we assemble to commit them to the grave. The body of the dead Christian acts as a powerful sign of his or her presence among us as we celebrate the vigil, the liturgy and the rite of committal. So just get me to the church when it's time.



Adopt-a-Priest corner

Merciful and gentle Lord, you are the crowning glory of all the saints. Give us, your children, the gift of obedience which is the beginning of wisdom, so that we may do what you command and be filled with your mercy.



Our priests are the backbone of our Church. Help them by living your faith. Help those in need; spiritually, emotionally and financially. Continue to pray for our priests, especially Father Jim, Father Yvon, Father White and Father Austin.

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.

Lord, share with us the fruits of your victory.

Time to clean out those closets and Help someone in Need! Donate clean and usable items (clothing – No Shoes, and Linens) to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Truck pickup scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd – 9:00 AM to Noon in the Saint Rose of Lima School Parking lot on Beach 84th Street. Arranged by the St. Rose of Lima Conference, SVdeP.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7149.33
Primera Colecta el Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5227.51
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!

MINISTERIO DE MUJERES -Se siente usted sola, tiene un bajo estima, ha sido abusada, es madre soltera? Las invitamos al ministerio de mujeres donde se hablaran de estos temas muy importantes de la mujer y usaremos la palabra de Dios para dialogar. Las invitamos el Domingo 16 de Mayo del 2010 de 1:00 a 2:00 P.M. en la cafetería de la Escuela Santa María.

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

Llévenme a la Iglesia a Tiempo

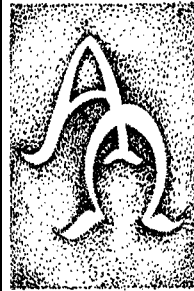
Hay una canción acerca del matrimonio en la cual el cantante pide "Sólo pido que me lleven a la iglesia a tiempo!" Hoy en día, como la incineración se ha hecho una práctica muy común para disposición final del cuerpo después de la muerte, algunos de nosotros podríamos querer cantar, "Sólo pido que me lleven a la iglesia!" Es importante que el cuerpo del difunto Cristiano esté presente para las tres partes del funeral cristiano: la vigilia, la liturgia, y los ritos funerales. Es importante a varios niveles. A un nivel terapéutico, pasando tiempo con el cuerpo permite que los familiares lleguen a aceptar la realidad de la pérdida. "Quiero verlo," insiste una viuda sobre la noticia de la muerte de su marido. "No lo creeré hasta que yo lo vea." Es muy importante que sus familiares tengan la oportunidad de mostrar su aprecio y respeto, y poder decir adiós, poder tocarlo o besarlo, o hasta susurrar en ese oído que ya no puede oír.

A un nivel humano, lavando, preparando y velando a un cadáver, está en la raíz de lo que llamamos la cultura. Este es un comportamiento simbólico que nos separa de los animales. Los seres humanos están hechos con cuerpo y alma, y el cuerpo no es una parte insignificante de la ecuación. El entierro de los muertos, nuestra tradición nos dice, es una obra corporal de misericordia. A nivel de fe, hay muchos motivos por los cuales es muy importante que el cuerpo del cristiano esté presente para las tres partes del funeral. Creemos en la resurrección del cuerpo. No entendemos cómo Dios lo hará, pero sin embargo creemos que al final del tiempo cuando Cristo regrese por los justos, aquellos que han muerto serán resucitados. No seremos fantasmas que flotan en los alrededores, o gotas indistinguibles de agua en un mar cósmico. Seremos individuos. Y para nosotros, esto significa individuos encarnados. Nuestros cuerpos serán diferentes — incorruptibles y transformados, inmortales y glorificados, pero sin embargo cuerpos. El cuidado que tomamos con los cuerpos de nuestros queridos difuntos da testigo de esta fe que nos viene de los apóstoles.

De hecho, durante cientos de años la iglesia excluyó la incineración como una forma de someter el cuerpo a los elementos. La razón es que en el pasado, muchos de aquellos que eligieron la incineración lo hicieron porque precisamente rechazaban la creencia en la resurrección del cuerpo. Eligió la incineración con la creencia de que el cuerpo es inconsecuente, o algo malo que tiene que ser destruido. Entonces los creyentes prefieren ser sepultados, hacer plantar sus cuerpos como semillas en la tierra. Hoy, la incineración no está asociada con esta negativa y ahora se ha hecho una opción para los cristianos.



Pero ya que la liturgia funciona a través de los sentidos, la mejor forma de hacer las cosas es celebrar la vigilia y la liturgia con el cuerpo presente y después llevarlo al crematorio. Cuando las cenizas están listas, entonces reunimos para sepultarlas. El cuerpo del difunto Cristiano actúa como un signo poderoso de su presencia entre nosotros mientras celebramos la vigilia, la liturgia y el rito del entierro. Tan sólo pido que me lleven a la iglesia cuando me llegue mi hora.



Séptimo Domingo de Pascua

EL VALOR DE ESTEBAN

La lectura de hoy, tomada de los Hechos, viene después del juicio de Esteban y de su discurso, en el cual él relata a sus acusadores la historia judía desde una perspectiva cristiana. Debido a que se atreve a proclamar que Jesús está en el cielo a la derecha de Dios, las autoridades del tribunal temen que Esteban pueda llevar a otros a blasfemar y lo apedrean hasta la muerte. Esteban entendía muy bien lo que escuchamos hoy en el Apocalipsis, esto es, que Jesús, con el Padre, es realmente el Alfa y el Omega, el principio y el fin. Él demostró que vale la pena morir por esta verdad. Todo lo que necesita la persona que añora el árbol de la vida, es recibir el agua vivificante de la salvación y descansar en el Señor, la estrella refulgente de la mañana. Ésta era una nueva interpretación de la interacción de Dios con la humanidad, y algunos de los líderes judíos no estaban preparados para aceptarla. Pero, como hemos venido escuchando en la Sagrada Escritura durante este tiempo de Pascua, el mensaje de salvación de Dios está al alcance de todas las personas, siempre y cuando estén listas para escucharlo.

EL PADRE Y YO SOMOS UNO

Existe una perfecta unión entre el Padre y el Hijo. Todo aquel que cree es parte de esta unión. En su gran amor por nosotros Dios nos dio al Hijo, y el Hijo nos ha dado todo lo que necesitamos para alcanzar la perfección en el amor de Dios. Cuando recibimos las aguas del bautismo, probablemente lo primero que nos venga a la mente es que nuestros pecados y nuestro pasado se han lavado. Pero ocurre mucho más que eso. Las aguas del bautismo nos conducen hacia el amor del Padre y del Hijo. El agua misma es el amor divino que se desborda en nuestro corazón y en la creación entera. Somos criaturas muy preciadas, y amadas por Dios. Jesús está con el Padre, y nos sostiene en la palma de su mano. Al comenzar a comprender la profundidad de este divino amor, podremos ser tan valerosos como Esteban y proclamar la Buena Nueva de la salvación con valentía y sin temor.