

# 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  
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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18  
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**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 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 – Cantalisa Brea (dec)

Maria Baldera (dec)

Mirna Dinora Rodriguez Choto (dec)

*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

Romula Santana (sanación y bendiciones)

11:30 am – Vocaciones

1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

Jose Victor Ramos (healing)

*Monday, May 23*

8:00 am – Vocations

12:10 pm – For the sick and homebound

*Tuesday, May 24*

8:00 am – Married Couples

12:10 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

*Wednesday, May 25—St. Gregory VII*

8:00 am – For the children of the Parish

12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound

*Thursday, May 26—St. Philip Neri*

9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Married Couples

12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces

*Friday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury*

12:10 pm – Deceased Members of the Parish

7:30 pm – Por los niños de la Parroquia

*Saturday, May 28*

12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces

5:00 pm – Gabriel, Herson & Walderman Rivera (dec)

Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

7:30 pm – Por los que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas

*Sunday, May 29 —Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish

9:45 am – (St. Gertrude)

11:30 am – Robert Cunningham (dec)

1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Robert J. Cunningham (dec)



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.

## 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 5-14, & 5-15 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env	1st Collection	# of Env.	Garden Maintenance	Total Collection
5:00 PM	63	31	\$594.00	17	\$131.00	\$725.00
7:30 PM	153	37	\$373.53	12	\$160.01	\$533.54
8:15 AM	176	66	\$1,541.01	33	\$193.32	\$1,734.33
9:45 AM	196	43	\$579.73	28	\$215.50	\$795.23
11:30 AM	448	85	\$1,179.21	60	\$444.38	\$1,623.59
1:15 PM	191	31	\$1,048.03	50	\$152.10	\$1,200.13
2:30 PM	92	14	\$305.60	9	\$116.33	\$421.93
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1319</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>\$5,621.11</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>\$1,412.64</b>	<b>\$7,033.75</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year:  
\$7283.62**

**(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).



### Weekday Readings

**Sun** \* Acts 6:1-7 \* Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 \* Jn 14:1-12

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

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

**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 57:8-10, 12 \* Jn 15:12-17

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

### 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.**

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

***Invites You to Attend***

***A Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of  
the Ordination  
of***

***Deacon Rene Hernandez***

***Sunday May 29, 2011  
1:15 pm***

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



**Please join  
Msgr. Bracken**

**For a bilingual Evening Prayer for Vocations,  
hosted by the Vocations Committee.  
All are invited to join us**

**on**

**Sunday, May 22, 2011  
5:00 PM**

**at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church**

The Pastoral Institute of the Diocese of Brooklyn announces the commissioning of

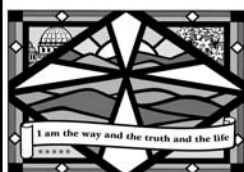
***Sandra Yvette Fernandez***

as a Lay Pastoral Leader for the Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude. She has completed the three-year Lay Ministry Program sponsored by the Pastoral Institute.

The Bishops of the United States have said:

*“The laity’s call to holiness is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Their response is a gift to the Church and the world.”*

Our Parish is grateful to Sandra for her commitment of service.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### LOST IN ROME

A few years ago, while on a pilgrimage to Rome, I found myself boarding a bus that I thought was headed in the direction of my hotel. As the bus continued along its route I began to wonder if we were going in the right direction. The hotel was close to St. Peter's basilica, so as long as I could glimpse the dome of St. Peter's I figured I was all right. High on one of Rome's famous hills, the bus came to a stop and the driver announced that this was the end of the line. I disembarked and could very clearly see the dome of St. Peter's. It seemed like I could just reach out and touch it. Unfortunately, I had no way of knowing how to get there. It looked close enough, but with Rome's winding streets, it was probably miles away.

### THE WAY

During our spiritual journey we can become frustrated by what we perceive as a lack of progress toward an intimate union with our God. Because we have tasted the goodness of God in the past, we know what that taste is like, yet it so often remains elusive. It's like glimpsing the dome of St. Peter's but having no idea how to return there. Today we are reminded once again that there really is only one way to achieve intimate union with God. Jesus reminds us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. If we are frustrated with our lack of progress on our faith journey, then coming to Mass this week has been the best remedy, for here we listen to the Lord's very words and become intimately connected with him in the Eucharist. After a lot of effort, I was able to get a taxi back to my hotel in Rome. Our journey to God requires effort on our part as well. This is why we make the commitment to gather each week with fellow pilgrims, traveling the journey of discipleship that we hope will one day lead to one of the many dwelling places prepared for us in God's house.

### DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Please join Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio as we celebrate a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the Beatification of Pope John Paul II at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint James on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 4:30 P.M. Saint James is located at 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Due to the limited of availability of parking in the area of the Cathedral, it is suggested that you either carpool or take public transportation to the Cathedral. All are welcome.

**TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY**—The Puerto Rican committee invite you to a trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, June 11, 2011. 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.



### *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).

### 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Thanks to all of you who have already made a pledge to this year's appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As of May 11, 2011, we have received a total of 34,678.62 towards our diocesan goal of \$44,489.00; just short by less than \$10,000. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so as soon as possible and help us reach the \$44,489.00 diocesan goal.

Remember, every dollar that we received above the \$44,489.00 is returned to our parish to be used to help us take care of our local needs.

Please do not forget that with the closing of the school, all indebtedness must be carried over to the parish.

So please make your pledge, and please be as generous as you can.

Thank you

### 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).



Our Lady of Good Counsel on Sunday, May 29th from 8 am to 1 pm. Please call Our Lady of Good Counsel to make an appointment, or just stop by. A blood donor card or photo ID is required.

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

Domingo Pasado: \$7033.75

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7283.62

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!

**Quinto Domingo de Pascua****PERDIDO EN ROMA**

Hace algunos años, mientras iba de peregrinaje a Roma, subí a un autobús que creí que se dirigía hacia mi hotel. Mientras el autobús seguía su recorrido, comencé a preguntarme si estábamos yendo en la dirección correcta. El hotel estaba cerca de la basílica de San Pedro, así es que pensé que siempre y cuando pudiese vislumbrar la cúpula de la basílica estaría en el camino correcto. En lo alto de una de las famosas montañas de Roma, el autobús se detuvo y el conductor anunció que ese era el fin del recorrido. Bajé y pude ver claramente la cúpula de la basílica. Parecía estar tan cerca que podía tocarla. Lamentablemente, no tenía forma de saber cómo llegar allí. Parecía estar muy cerca, pero las calles de Roma son muy sinuosas y probablemente me encontraba a kilómetros de distancia.

**EL CAMINO**

A lo largo de nuestro camino espiritual podemos frustrarnos con lo que nos parece falta de progreso hacia una unión íntima con Dios. Conocemos ya la bondad de Dios por haberla probado antes, sin embargo muchas veces nos resulta inalcanzable. Es como vislumbrar la cúpula de la basílica de San Pedro, pero sin tener idea de cómo volver allí. Hoy se nos recuerda una vez más que hay en realidad un solo camino para lograr una unión íntima con Dios. Jesús nos recuerda que él es el camino, la verdad y la vida. Si nos frustramos por la falta de progreso en nuestro camino de fe, haber venido a Misa esta semana ha sido el mejor remedio, porque aquí escuchamos la palabra del Señor y nos unimos íntimamente a él en la eucaristía. Luego de mucho esfuerzo, pude conseguir un taxi que me llevara de vuelta a mi hotel en Roma. Nuestro camino hacia Dios también exige esfuerzo de nuestra parte. Es por eso que nos comprometemos a reunirnos cada semana con otros compañeros peregrinos, para juntos hacer el camino del discipulado, que esperamos nos lleve algún día a una de las muchas moradas preparadas para nosotros en la casa de Dios.

**VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY**—El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Atlantic City el día Sábado 11 de Junio del 2011. Salida a las 7:30 A.M. de Santa María Estrella del Mar. Costo por boleto \$40. Para mas información favor de comunicarse con Aida Rodríguez al 718-471-1912.

**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**

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

**Resumen de la Campaña Anual Católica 2011**

Agradecemos mucho a todos los que generosamente hicieron su promesa a la Campaña Anual Católica de este año.

Hasta este 11 de Mayo del 2011, hemos recibido un total de 34,678.62 de los 44,489.00 de la meta de la Diócesis; nos faltan casi \$10,000. Si usted todavía no ha hecho su promesa, por favor trate de hacerla lo mas pronto posible y ayúdenos a alcanzar los 44,489.00 de la meta de la diócesis.

Recuerden, todo el dinero recaudado sobre los \$44,489.00 regresara a nuestra parroquia.

No se olviden con el cierre de la escuela, nuestra parroquia tendrá que asumir todos los gastos.

Por favor haga su promesa, y sea lo mas generoso que pueda. Muchas gracias...

**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.



**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.