

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



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Rev. James K. Cunningham, Ext. 22

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718-327-5673

## **PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**

Deacon Antonio Bobadilla

Deacon Michael C. Moss

Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero

Deacon Candidate Rene Hernandez

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## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Ms. Carla Ramos, Ext. 11

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## **IN RESIDENCE:**

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18

Rev. Augustine Emeh, Ext. 17

## **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

Phone: 327-2242 Fax: 327-0797

**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

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**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS***Saturday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia*

- 12:10 pm – Dionesio Canete (dec)  
 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  
 Ana Hernandez (dec)  
 Reyes Antonio Hernandez (dec)  
 Presentación de la bebe Valerie Vio  
 1:15 pm – Mass for the People

*Monday, May 24*

- 8:00 am – Mass available  
 12:10 pm – Rev. Vincent Gallo –Thanksgiving

*Tuesday, May 25—St. Gregory VII*

- 8:00 am – Mass available  
 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Wednesday, May 26—St. Philip Neri*

- 8:00 am – Mass available  
 12:10 pm – Mass available

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

- 8:00 am – Mass available  
 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude  
 12:10 pm – Maximo Caraballo (dec)  
 Mapili Family—Thanksgiving

*Friday, May 28*

- 8:00 pm – Mass available  
 12:10 pm – Mary & Hugh Doherty (50th wed. anniversary)  
 7:30 pm – Divino Niño — Acción de Gracias

*Saturday, May 29*

- 12:10 pm – Mass available  
 5:00 pm – Mass available  
 7:30 pm – Misa por la Comunidad  
 Raymunda Martinez (dec)  
 Maria Paredes (cumpleaños)

*Sunday, May 30– The Most Holy Trinity*

- 8:15 am – Luz Torres (dec)  
 Gabriel Herson Walterman Rivera (dec)  
 9:45 am – Johnnie Robinson (dec)  
 11:30 am – Joanne Perou—Thanksgiving  
 Raymunda Martinez (dec)  
 1:15 pm – Martin T. Waldron (dec)

**Pray For**

Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Bishop Joseph Sullivan, Maria Patricia Montero, Robert Cunningham, Miguel Jimenez, Zoila Yepez, 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.

**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 5-15 & 5-16 2010

<u>Mass Time</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>	<u># of Env</u>	<u>1st Collection</u>	<u># of Env</u>	<u>Communi- cation</u>	<u>Total Collection</u>
5:00 PM	97	53	\$944.60	27	\$141.11	\$1,085.71
7:30 PM	235	48	\$549.07	20	\$141.51	\$690.58
8:15 AM	214	79	\$2,020.25	45	\$220.05	\$2,240.30
9:45 AM	205	98	\$1,179.94	35	\$216.28	\$1,396.22
11:30 AM	470	109	\$1,380.83	66	\$475.35	\$1,856.18
1:15PM	272	52	\$772.08	21	\$192.10	\$964.18
Ascension SG		35	\$120.00			
Ascension SM -		65	\$316.85	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>\$7,283.62</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>\$1,386.40</b>	<b>\$8,233.17</b>
<b>Tot less</b>						
<b>Ascension</b>						<b>\$6,846.77</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5579.18****(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 2:1-11 \* Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 \* Jn 20:19-23  
**Mon** \* 1 Pet 1:3-9 \* Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10 \* Mk 10:17-27  
**Tues** \* 1 Pet 1:10-16 \* Ps 98:1-4 \* Mk 10:28-31  
**Wed** \* 1 Pet 1:18-25 \* Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 \* Mk 10:32-45  
**Thurs** \* 1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12 \* Ps 100:2 \* Mk 10:46-52  
**Fri** \* 1 Pet 4:7-13 \* Ps 96:10-13 \* Mk 11:11-26  
**Sat** \* Jude 17, 20b-25 \* Ps 63:2-6 \* Mk 11:27-33

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

*The bread and wine are given in memory of **John Nagle.***

*The sanctuary candle is given in memory of **John Nagle.***

*The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **The Rosas Family.***

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Pentecost Sunday! We gather today to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit continues to work in each of our lives. As we celebrate this weekend we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to strengthen each one of us in our call to be disciples of the Lord Jesus. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit help us to be holy so that we can always respond to the voice of the Lord with a generous heart.

Today our parish also rejoices in celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of our good friend Father Vincent Gallo. I will be joined by some of the priests and deacons in participating in a special Mass that Father Gallo will be celebrating at St. Pancras Church in Glendale. The Mass will be at 11:30 A.M. Please remember to keep Father Gallo in your prayers as he celebrates this special day. We certainly have been blessed in his participation as one of our parish priests. We pray that God will continue to bless him and his priesthood. Ad Multos Annos!

I am very grateful to all of you for your kind words and phone calls last weekend after I announced that after 8 wonderful years as your pastor I will be leaving our parish on June 30<sup>th</sup> to begin a new assignment in the Diocese of Brooklyn. As you could tell, it was very difficult for me to even say those words. I am grateful to God for every day that I have had here with all of you. It has been the greatest joy of my life to be your pastor. I am grateful also to Bishop DiMarzio for his confidence in me. I have been appointed by the bishop to serve as the Administrator of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in the Windsor Terrace (Park Slope) section of Brooklyn. The parish is just across the highway from the Chancery Office and Bishop Ford High School. During the process of reconfiguration no priest is being named as pastor. In my case, the pastor of Holy Name, Father Gary Rodgers has been ill for the past few months. Please continue to pray for Father Rodgers and for his recovery. At Holy Name Mass is celebrated on Saturday evenings and then four times on Sunday, including one Spanish Mass. Currently, Msgr. John Bracken, the former Vicar General of the diocese, is serving as the temporary Administrator of the parish. Msgr. Bracken has gone out of his way to assist me during this time of transition. I am grateful to him for his support and constant priestly example. I look forward to this new challenge but have this great sadness within me because I will miss all of you. You have been my family these last 8 years and I could not have asked for more. Thank you for loving me and allowing me to be one of your priests. I will always treasure my time here and will be grateful to God for giving me this wonderful gift. I apologize in advance for all of the tears. It hurts to say goodbye, especially when you love something so much. You should know more than anything else that I do love all of you

so much. I hope that in some small way I have been successful in showing that love to you and if I have not please know how truly sorry I am. On Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. I will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell. At that occasion I will have an opportunity to say thank you to all of you one last time. I hope that you and the members of your family will join with me as I give thanks to God for the gift of this great parish.

Over the next few days I will be meeting with our Vicar, Msgr. Paul Sanchez to discuss the needs of the parish in terms of an Administrator being appointed. I know that Bishop DiMarzio is very concerned about finding the right person to lead you in the future. I am confident that there are many wonderful and generous priests of our diocese, who have greater gifts than me, who can serve all of you in the future. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to send us a priest in the image and likeness of Christ and following the example of some of the great priests who have served our parish in the past, especially Msgr. McKenna, Father Brendan, Msgr. Herron, Msgr. Ogle, etc.

With Love in Christ,  
Father Jim

**RETREAT** In our continuing celebration of 'The Year of the Priest' the Vocations Committee will be hosting a women's retreat in English and Spanish on Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the school auditorium of St. Mary Star of the Sea.

All women are welcome. Please plan on joining us as we discuss "Respect and Reverence of the Eucharist"

**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

**This prayer is offered to each parish by the women and men religious of the diocese who hold all in prayerful remembrance**

O God of hope, we believe that you dwell within us. As we face the realities of parish life in our diocese, we pray that each of us remain open to the movement of your spirit as we study the data and its implications.

Guide us in our deliberations, enable us to work together...realizing that while change is inevitable, there is great hope in our belief that you are with us at all times.

Strengthen our resolve to continue to bring about your reign in our world, through the efforts of all: our bishops, priests, deacons, women and men religious, and parishioners. Hear our prayer, O God of hope. Amen

*With Praise and Gratitude to  
Almighty God  
You are cordially invited to join  
Father Vincent Gallo  
as he celebrates*

*The 50<sup>th</sup> 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 68<sup>th</sup> Street  
Glendale, New York  
718-821-2323*

### *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.*

*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.**

#### Altar Server Schedule for May 29-30, 2010

Sat. 5:00 PM – Isaiah Brown, Bianca Salonga, Matthew Gardner  
Sat. 7:30 PM – Daniel, Jose & Raquel Reina, Ketcia Alvarez  
Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques & Katia Mathieu, Queenesha Scott, James Conroy  
Sun. 11:30 AM – Sebastian Rosas, Michelle Martinez, Cynthia Contreras  
Sun. 1:15 PM – Bianca Romero, Michael Riley, Jamal Michel



**VOCATIONS – Pentecost Sunday**— "The Spirit gave them ability." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's 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 .

**BLOOD DRIVE**—Our Lady of Good Counsel, 68 Wanser Avenue, Inwood'. May 30, 2010—3:00 – 8:30 P.M. 516-239-0953. Please bring photo ID with you.

### *Un Año Más*

*Un año más que termina y todavía hay muchos que  
No se atreven a decir "Si" a su salvación,  
Siguen esperando que El Señor vuelva para salvarlos  
Que equivocados están si piensan de esa manera*

*No saben que con su pasión, muerte y resurrección  
El venció la muerte y gana la vida eterna para Nosotros*

*Y Tú ni siquiera te molestas en agradecérselo,  
Te dedicas a dañar tu cuerpo,*

*Tomando de una manera indiscriminada,  
Drogándote y a veces prostituyéndote.*

*Como si Su sacrificio hubiera sido en vano  
Ojala te pudieras arrepentir antes de que sea muy tarde.*

*Ojala la muerte no te sorprenda  
Y no tenga la oportunidad de decir*

*Ese "Si" que te hará conocer el verdadero  
Y primer amor, el de Cristo Jesús.*

Si a usted esta le falta uno de los sacramentos: Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación y desea recibirlo, puede llamar al 718-327-1133 x10 y hable con Estebana para mas información y registración. Las clases empiezan la primera semana del mes de Septiembre. Por favor no espere hasta el ultimo momento. "Ya que nunca sabremos cuando el Señor tocará a nuestras puertas.

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

Domingo Pasado: \$6,846.77

Primera Colecta el Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5579.18

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**

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

¡Feliz Día de Pentecostés! Hoy nos reunimos para celebrar la llegada del Espíritu Santo sobre los apóstoles el Día de Pentecostés y para celebrar como el Espíritu Santo sigue trabajando en cada una de nuestras vidas. Oremos hoy para que el Espíritu Santo nos siga fortaleciendo para que seamos dignos discípulos del Señor Jesús. Espero que el Espíritu Santo nos ayude para que podamos siempre responder al llamado del Señor con un corazón generoso.

Hoy nuestra parroquia también se alegra con la celebración del 50 Aniversario de Ordenación Sacerdotal de nuestro buen amigo el Padre Vincent Gallo. Junto con algunos sacerdotes y diáconos participaremos en una misa especial celebrada por el Padre Gallo en la Iglesia San Pancras en Glendale a las 11:30 A.M. Les pido que por favor recuerden al Padre Gallo en sus oraciones mientras celebra este día especial. Verdaderamente hemos sido bendecidos de tenerlo como uno de nuestros sacerdotes. Oremos para que Dios lo siga bendiciendo a él y a su sacerdocio. ¡Anuncio Multos Annos!

Le estoy muy agradecido a todos ustedes por sus hermosas y amables palabras y todas las llamadas telefónicas que recibí el pasado fin de semana después de anunciarles que el 30 de Junio dejaré nuestra parroquia después de estos 8 maravillosos años como su párroco para comenzar una nueva asignación en la Diócesis de Brooklyn. Como ustedes pueden imaginar, fue muy difícil para mí tener que decirles estas palabras. Le estoy muy agradecido a Dios por cada uno de los días que he estado aquí con todos ustedes. Le agradezco también al Obispo DiMarzio por su confianza en mí. He sido asignado por el obispo para servir como administrador en la Parroquia el Santo Nombre de Jesús en Windsor Terrace (Park Slope) en Brooklyn. La parroquia esta cerca de la Cancillería y de la Escuela del Obispo Ford. Durante el proceso de reconfiguración ningún sacerdote ha sido llamado como párroco. En mi caso, el párroco del Nombre Santo, el Padre Gary Rodgers ha estado enfermo durante los últimos meses. Por favor sigan orando por el Padre Rodgers para que se recupere pronto. En la Parroquia el Santo Nombre se celebra misa los sábados por la tarde y cuatro misas los domingos, incluyendo una misa hispana. Actualmente, el Monseñor John Bracken, antiguo Vicario General de la diócesis, esta

sierviéndome como el administrador temporal de la parroquia. El Monseñor Bracken ha hecho todo lo posible para ayudarme durante este tiempo de transición. Le estoy muy agradecido por todo su apoyo y por su constante ejemplo sacerdotal. Espero con mucha ilusión comenzar este nuevo desafío, pero también siento una gran tristeza porque los voy a extrañar mucho a todos ustedes. Ustedes han sido mi familia por estos 8 años y no pude haber pedido más. Gracias por quererme y por permitirme ser uno de sus sacerdotes. Siempre atesoraré mi tiempo aquí y siempre le estaré agradecido a Dios por haberme dado este maravilloso regalo. Les pido perdón de antemano por todas mis lágrimas. Es muy doloroso decir adiós, sobre todo cuando se ama mucho. Ustedes saben que sobre todas las cosas realmente los amo mucho a todos ustedes. Espero que de alguna manera haya podido demostrarle mi amor por ustedes y si no pude de verdad lo siento mucho. El martes, 29 de junio del 2010 celebraré una misa de acción de gracias y despedida a las 7:00 P.M. donde tendré la oportunidad de darles las gracias a todos ustedes por última vez. Espero que ustedes y sus familiares puedan estar conmigo para darle las gracias a Dios por el regalo de esta gran parroquia.

Durante los días que siguen me reuniré con nuestro Vicario, el Monseñor Paul Sanchez para hablar de las necesidades de la parroquia en términos de asignar un nuevo administrador. Sé que el Obispo DiMarzio está muy preocupado por encontrar la persona ideal que los guíara en el futuro. Yo se que hay muchos maravillosos y generosos sacerdotes en nuestra diócesis, con dones mucho mayores que los míos, que pueden servirles en el futuro. Oremos para que Espíritu Santo nos envíe un sacerdote en la imagen y semejanza de Cristo siguiendo el ejemplo de algunos de los grandes sacerdotes que han servido a nuestra parroquia en el pasado, sobre todo el Monseñor McKenna, Padre Brendan, Monseñor Herron, el Monseñor Ogle, etc.

Con Amor en Cristo,  
Padre Jim

**RETIRO**—En continuación con nuestra celebración del 'Año del Sacerdote' el Comité de Vocaciones tendrá un retiro para mujeres en inglés y español el domingo, 6 de junio del 2010 de 2:00 P.M. a 6:00 P.M. en el auditorio de la Escuela Santa María Estrella del Mar. Todas las mujeres son bienvenidas. Por favor trate de unirse a nosotros mientras hablamos sobre:

"Respeto y la Reverencia de la Eucaristía"

**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 sobres 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