

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



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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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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: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS*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 – Aurora Diaz de Rosa (dec)

Sunday, May 29 —Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Paul DeFiore (dec)
 Joyce Arthur (dec)
 11:30 am – Robert Cunningham (dec)
 Belgica Taveras (cumpleaños)
 Nydia Rodriguez (salud)
 Matilde Almonte (dec)
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

Monday, May 30

- 9:00 am – Vocations
 10:30 am – Cemetery Mass

Tuesday, May 31—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 am – Luz Torres (dec)
 12:10 pm – Married Couples

Wednesday, June 1 —St. Justin

- 8:00 am – For the children of the Parish
 12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound

Thursday, June 2—The Ascension of the Lord

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

Friday, June 3—St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

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

Saturday, June 4

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
 3:00 pm – Alumni Mass
 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
 Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
 Jean Borgella (Birthday)
 7:30 pm – Por los que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas

Sunday, June 5 —Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude)
 11:30 am – Miguel y Sabina Lopez (25 aniversario)
 1:15 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

PLEASE PRAY for Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Laura Paula Clarke, Auddie Naraine, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, Kathleen Briza, Norman Eskenazi, Belda Tortola Mendoza, Nubia Melgar, Steven Marriaga, Mauricio Garcia 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 5-21, & 5-22 2011**

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Air Conditioning	Total Collection
5:00 PM	86	50	\$752.27	21	\$204.25	\$956.52
7:30 PM	241	37	\$479.59	17	\$175.70	\$655.29
8:15 AM	178	78	\$1,079.27	39	\$250.00	\$1,329.27
9:45 AM	165	58	\$727.49	32	\$169.15	\$896.64
11:30 AM	410	100	\$864.05	54	\$327.23	\$1,191.28
1:15 PM	162	34	\$616.25	23	\$174.00	\$790.25
Totals	1242	357	\$4,518.92	186	\$1,300.33	\$5,819.25

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year:
\$5300.26**

(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.

**Weekday Readings**

Sun * Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 * Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 * Jn 14:15-21

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

Tues * Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 * Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 * Lk 1:39-56

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 * Mt 28:16-20

Fri * Acts 18:9-18 * Ps 47:2-7 * Jn 16:20-23

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

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for
Willie Mae.

The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Willie Mae.**



Sixth Sunday of Easter

REMEMBERING GRANDMOTHER

When I was a child, I loved spending time with my grandmother, a large woman with a big welcoming lap. Her house had such unique aromas—a mixture of my grandfather's sweet-smelling cherry tobacco and the food that was always under preparation in the kitchen. When we were very little, she would sit us in her lap, take a deck of cards, and begin to bend the deck back and forth. Before our very eyes the deck was transformed into a swirl of cards. Whenever I find myself missing my grandmother, I take out a deck of cards and bend them back and forth until the swirl of cards once again magically appears. As I bend the cards back and forth, I can imagine her generous lap beneath me. When I close my eyes and inhale, I can almost smell the cherry-scented pipe tobacco mixed with the aroma of her wonderful food.

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Today the Lord Jesus promises his fearful disciples, "I will come to you" (John 14:18). The Church's sacraments are visible signs of the Lord Jesus continuing to "come to us" through the power of the Holy Spirit. Each time we share in Christ's body and blood, he is made present through the Spirit. In a way, the Church's sacramental life is like my experience of taking out a deck of cards and bending them back and forth in order to bring the memory of my grandmother to life. We take ordinary elements, like bread, wine, water, words, and oil, and when we accompany these elements with sacred gestures and words, we experience the very presence of Jesus Christ. As we look forward to Pentecost, let us grow in our awareness and love for the sacraments that bring us into contact with the Lord Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 30, 2011
9:00 A.M.

The parish will remember all of those who died in service of our country. Please begin your day by joining with us as we pray for the men and women of our parish who are currently on active duty.

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Cemetery

The annual field Mass will be celebrated at our parish cemetery on Memorial Day at 10:30 A.M. All are welcome to attend.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE



St. Mary's

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.—School Children— All are invited.

12:10 P.M.

7:30 P.M.—Spanish

St. Gertrude

9:00 A.M.

HEALTH FAIR

A Free Health Fair will take place on Saturday, May 28th between 9 AM and 3 PM at CPFMC of NY, 829 Empire Ave. between Beach 9th St. and Cornaga Ave.



2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

As of May 24, 2011 we have received 136 pledges totaling \$39,264.62. We are very close to our diocesan commitment of \$44,489.00.

I am reaching out to the 700 parishioners who have not yet made a pledge, imagine what we can do if all of us made a commitment. I know that we can raise a significant amount to help our parish.

Remember: Every dollar over \$44,489.00 collected is returned to our parish which may be used to help alleviate some of our expenses.

With a little more than 6 months to go, I know that we can count on you. Please make your pledge as soon as possible.

Commitment forms may be found in the vestibule of the Churches. You may also contact the rectory for more information on 718 327-1133, ext. 16.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL FEAST - St.

Mary Star of the Sea invites you to the International Feast of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, June 26 from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with native dishes, music, games and entertainment. From more information call (718) 327-1133, ext. 10.

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 20th 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.

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.

Upcoming Dates at Saint Mary Star of the Sea!

- Alumni Mass & Reception – June 4th - 3:00 P.M.
- Graduation Mass – St. Mary Star of the Sea School – June 17th – Friday – 9:00 A.M.
- Graduation Ceremony – St. Mary Star of the Sea School – June 17th – Friday – 7:30 P.M. (Please note there will be no Spanish Mass on June 17th.)
- Kindergarten Graduation – St. Mary Star of the Sea School – June 18th – Saturday – 10:00 A.M. – Mahon Auditorium of St. Mary Star of the Sea School.
- Bilingual Mass in Honor of the Feast of Saint John the Baptist – Friday – June 24th – 7:30 P.M. – All are welcome!
- International Feast of St. John the Baptist – Sunday – June 26th – 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

WALK-A-THON FOR DIABETES

“3rd Annual South Queens Juvenile Diabetes Walk-a-thon to cure Diabetes” sponsored by the International Society of S.S. Cosma and Damiano, will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the Ave Maria Catholic Academy School grounds (formerly Our Lady of Grace School) in Howard Beach. Registration will begin at 9 A.M. Walk begins at 10:30 A.M. Registration fee is \$15. Donations greatly appreciated. This is a family oriented event and a fun day for all. Food, beverages and entertainment will be provided for participants. For more information call 718-835-3224 or log onto 222.jdrf.org/nyc and click on the Howard Beach icon.

Resumen de la Campaña Anual Católica 2011

Hasta este 24 de Mayo del 2011 hemos recibido 136 promesas, un total \$39,264.62. Estamos muy cerca de alcanzar la meta diocesana de \$44,489.00.

Le pedimos a cada uno de los 700 feligreses que todavía no han hecho su promesa, que piensen todo lo que podemos hacer si todos nosotros hiciéramos un compromiso. Estamos seguros que podremos recaudar una cantidad significativa para ayudar a nuestra parroquia.

Recuerde: Cada dólar sobre los \$44,489.00 es devuelto a nuestra parroquia para ayudarnos con los gastos de la parroquia.

Con solo 6 meses para terminar con la campaña, sé que podemos contar con usted. Por favor trate de hacer su promesa lo mas pronto posible.

En el vestíbulo encontrara la forma para hacer su promesa. También puede ponerse en contacto con la rectoría para más información - 718 327-1133, ext. 16.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5819.25

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5300.26

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!

**Sexto Domingo de Pascua****RECORDANDO A MI ABUELA**

Cuando era niño me encantaba pasar tiempo con mi abuela, una mujer corpulenta, con un regazo amplio y acogedor. Los aromas de su casa eran únicos –una mezcla del dulce olor a tabaco de cereza de mi abuelo y de la comida que siempre se estaba preparando en la cocina. Cuando éramos muy pequeños, ella nos sentaba en su regazo, tomaba un mazo de cartas y doblaba el mazo hacia adelante y hacia atrás. Ante nuestros ojos el mazo se transformaba en un remolino de cartas. Siempre que extraño a mi abuela, saco un mazo de cartas y las doblo hacia adelante y hacia atrás hasta que el remolino de cartas aparece mágicamente otra vez. Mientras doblo las cartas hacia adelante y hacia atrás, imagino que estoy sentado en su generoso regazo. Cuando cierro los ojos e inhalo, casi puedo oler el tabaco con sabor a cereza de la pipa mezclado con el aroma de su maravillosa comida.

LA PRESENCIA DE CRISTO

Hoy el Señor Jesús promete a sus temerosos discípulos: “Volveré a ustedes” (Juan 14:18). Los sacramentos de la Iglesia son signos visibles de que el Señor Jesús sigue “viniendo a nosotros” por el poder del Espíritu Santo. Cada vez que compartimos el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, él se hace presente por el Espíritu. En cierta manera, la vida sacramental de la Iglesia es como cuando tomo un mazo de cartas y las doblo hacia adelante y hacia atrás para recordar más vívidamente a mi abuela. Tomamos elementos cotidianos como pan, vino, agua, palabras y aceite, y los acompañamos con gestos y palabras sagradas para experimentar la presencia de Jesucristo. Mientras esperamos la venida de Pentecostés, estemos más conscientes de los sacramentos y crezcamos en nuestro amor hacia ellos pues nos ponen en contacto con el Señor Jesús, por el poder del Espíritu Santo.

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.

FESTIVIDAD DE LA ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR**Horario de Misas****Santa María**

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.—Niños de la Escuela

Todos son bienvenidos.

12:10 P.M.

7:30 P.M.—Español

Santa Gertrudis

9:00 A.M.

DIA DE CONMEMORACION

Mayo 30, 2011

9:00 A.M.

Nuestra parroquia recordara a todos aquellos que dieron sus vida por el servicio de nuestro país. Por favor trate de unirse a nosotros mientras oramos por estos hombres y mujeres de nuestra parroquia que actualmente sirviendo en las Fuerzas Armadas.

Misa en el Cementerio de Santa María

En celebración del Día Conmemoración (Memorial Day) celebraremos una Misa en el Cementerio de Santa María Estrella del Mar a las 10:30 A.M. Todos son bienvenidos.

FIESTA INTERNACIONAL DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

Santa María Estrella del Mar cordialmente los invita a todos a la Fiesta Internacional de San Juan Bautista el Domingo 26 de Junio de 1:00 P.M. a 8:00 P.M. con comidas típicas, música, juegos y diversiones. Para mas información llame al (718) 327-1133 ext. 10.

**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 para mas información o para hacer su reservación.