

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



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ST. GERTRUDE'S OFFICE

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PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Antonio Bobadilla

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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18

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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.

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

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 29

- 12:10 pm – Rev. James Cunningham—Thanksgiving
- 5:00 pm – Rev. Vincent Gallo—Thanksgiving
- 7:30 pm – Misa por la Comunidad
Raymunda Martinez (dec)
Maria Paredes (cumpleaños)
Presentación de la bebe Ester Campos
Jose y Guillermina Gomez (dec)

Sunday, May 30– The Most Holy Trinity

- 8:15 am – Luz Torres (dec)
Gabriel Herson Walterman Rivera (dec)
Henry E. Michaelsen (dec)
- 9:45 am – Johnnie Robinson (dec)
- 11:30 am – Joanne Perou—Thanksgiving
Raymunda Martinez (dec)
Zacarias Delgado (20 anniv. as Euch. Minister)
- 1:15 pm – Martin T. Waldron (dec)

Monday, May 31 -Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary

- 9:00 am – Rev. James T. Rooney (dec)

Tuesday, June 1—St. Justin

- 8:00 am – Rev. James T. Rooney (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Rev. James Kuroly (birthday)

Wednesday, June 2 -St. Marcellinu & St. Peter

- 8:00 am – Rev. Charles White (birthday)
- 12:10 pm – Rev. James T. Rooney (dec)

Thursday, June 3 -St. Charles Lwanga & companions

- 8:00 am – Rev. James T. Rooney (dec)
Nicole Lake—Thanksgiving
- 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Friday, June 4

- 8:00 pm – Rev. James A. Kuroly - Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Ofelia Alfaro Marenco (dec)

Saturday, June 5 -St. Boniface

- 12:10 pm – Rev. James T. Rooney (dec)
- 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec), Mass for the People
- 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Sunday, June 6– The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

- 8:15 am – Angeline Pandolfo (dec)
- 9:45 am – Mass available
- 11:30 am – Comité de Vocaciones—Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)

Pray For Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Bishop Joseph Sullivan, Maria Patricia Montero, Robert Cunningham, Miguel Jimenez, 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, Luis Santiago 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 5-22 & 5-23 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Relief	Total Collection
5:00 PM	107	45	\$725.56	29	\$210.59	\$936.15
7:30 PM	263	36	\$449.77	19	\$215.03	\$664.80
8:15 AM	218	66	\$1,281.17	43	\$220.00	\$1,501.17
9:45 AM	175	54	\$603.60	30	\$225.42	\$829.02
11:30 AM	450	112	\$1,545.50	62	\$310.60	\$1,856.10
1:15PM	<u>156</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>\$694.66</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>\$140.50</u>	<u>\$835.16</u>
Totals	1369	370	\$5,300.26	209	\$1,322.14	\$6,622.40

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$4,798.23

(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 * Prov 8:22-31 * Ps 8:4-9 * Jn 16:12-15
- Mon * Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16* Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6* Lk 1:39-56
- Tues * 2 Pet 3:12-15a, 17-18 * Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16 * Mk 12:13-17
- Wed * 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12 * Ps 123:1-2 * Mk 12:18-27
- Thurs * 2 Tim 2:8-15 * Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 * Mk 12:28-34
- Fri * 2 Tim 3:10-17 * Ps 119:157,160,161,165,166,168 * Mk 12:35-37
- Sat * 2 Tim 4:1-8 * Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22 * Mk 12:38-44



VOCATIONS – The Most Holy Trinity

“We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.” How do you hope to share in God's glory...as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given in memory of **Deacon Martin Waldron.***

*The sanctuary candle is given in memory of **James Higgins.***

*The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Robert Cunningham.***

FROM THE DESK MARIA CRISTINA BEYRA

Last Saturday, May 22, we had our end of year celebration for the students in the religious education program. It was a wonderful day in which the parish community came together to celebrate the constancy of the children who attend our faith formation program on Saturday mornings and the catechists who give so freely and so generous of their time, week after week. Our catechists this past year were:

Veronica Austin
 Maribel Chanona
 Joseph Collazo
 Fior Rodriguez
 Zacarias Delgado
 Marianne Echevarria
 Azalea Fajardo-Clarke
 Zoraida Fajardo
 Mary Guerrier
 Yvonne Hall
 Carmen Macfie
 Concepcion Martinez
 Hazeron Mohammed
 Daisy Rodriguez
 Jose Santana
 Susan Singh-Smith
 Christina Sosa
 Margarete Tassy
 Paola Torre
 Cecilia Ukwu

We know that we will never be able to repay them for what they give freely give the children and this is why we commend them to the generosity of our God who always gives a hundredfold. We ask that you keep them always in your prayers and that you come forth to assist them in this most important ministry of the church.

Remember we are never done with faith formation. The program is not a sacramental preparation program, meaning that the children do not attend just to prepare to receive the sacraments (Communion and Confirmation). They come to learn about their faith and to encounter the person of Jesus Christ and his church whom they can not love, if we they don't know. Nothing you will give your children will be more important than their faith. Keep them coming year after year. Become involved in their formation. Read their textbooks (that is why we have requested bilingual books, so parents can benefit from them as well). Get to know your catechists; help them and pray for them.

"Summer school" is up to you. Make sure that during the summer months your children see you practicing your faith, praying and coming to church every week. God does not take a vacation from us - let us try to imitate HIM!!!

May He guide all of us as we strive to bring our children to Him. Enjoy your summer!

WORDS OF THANKS FROM FATHER VINCENT GALLO

Words can't express my complete gratitude for your participation at the Mass of Thanksgiving we shared at St. Pancras on May 23rd. I will always remember you in my prayers – the place where memories count most!

You are surely blessed to have had Fr. Jim as your pastor, who is also my friend.

May Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude continue to bless all of you as together we journey to heaven while "doing what we can for each other and not forgetting to say our prayers."



With Love & Blessings,
 Fr. Vincent Gallo

*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 12, 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.**

Thank You *The Office of Religious Education
 would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Mario
 Echevarria and their family for once again providing a
 wonderful end of year party for our children in the
 religious education program. We have posted some
 pictures of the event in the vestibule of the church.*



Memorial Day

This Monday is Memorial Day, a National Holiday, the rectory office will be closed. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. in Church and at 10:30 A.M. at St. Mary Star of the Sea Cemetery with Bishop Cisneros. Please join us!

Adopt-a-Priest Corner

God our Father, great builder of the heavenly Jerusalem, you know the number of the stars and call each of them by name. Heal hearts that are broken, gather together those who have been scattered, and enrich us all from the plenitude of your eternal wisdom.

Let us come together in prayer as one Church, one Baptism, one people, in love of God and for love of our priests.

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.

Holy God, raise us up to new life in holiness.

Parish



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"

PILGRIMAGE—St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church will be participating in a Diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on Saturday, October 30, 2010. We are chartering a bus for the trip. The cost of the trip is \$55.00 per person. Please contact either rectory for information.

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

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

Have you considered a Catholic School education for your child? St. Mary's School provides the students with a fine academic education in a faith-filled environment. Do you think that Catholic School is financially impossible for you to afford? There are two excellent scholarship programs available. Many families would be eligible for this help. Tuition may be more reasonable than you realize.

For Pre-Kindergarten – children must be 4 years old by December 1, 2010. For Kindergarten – children must be 5 years old December 31, 2010.

There are limited spaces available in Grades 1 through 6. Students in Grades 7 and 8 are considered only in special circumstances. Are you interested? Please call 718-327-2242.

"2nd 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 5, 2010 at the Ave Maria Catholic Academy School grounds (formerly Our Lady of Grace School) in Howard Beach. 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 more information call 718-835-2224 or log onto www.jdf.org/nyc and click on the Howard Beach icon.


"Come and See"

The Pope John Paul II House of Discernment
341 Highland Blvd. Brooklyn, NY
Sunday, June 13, 2010
Open House – 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.
3:00 P.M. – Exposition & Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 P.M. – Closing Prayer and Benediction
All who work hard to pray for and encourage vocations are invited to visit our house to meet the men who are thinking about priesthood and to pass information about the house onto those who may be discerning a vocation. If you wish to attend the Open House, please contact: Vocation Office – 718-827-2454. E-mail: vocation@diobrook.org.

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.

REGISTRACION PARA SEPTIEMBRE 2010 EN LA ESCUELA SANTA MARIA

¿Ha considerado usted una buena educación Católica para su niño? La Escuela Santa María provee a los estudiantes una buena educación académica en un ambiente lleno de fe.
¿Piensa usted que la Escuela Católica es económicamente imposible para usted? Hay dos excelentes programas de becas disponibles. Muchas familias pueden ser elegibles para esta ayuda. La matrícula puede ser más razonable de lo que usted piensa. Para el Pre-K - los niños deben tener 4 años antes del 1 de diciembre del 2010. Para Kindergarten - los niños deben tener 5 años antes del 31 de diciembre del 2010.
Hay espacios limitados en los Grados 1 al 6. Los estudiantes en los Grados 7 y 8 son considerados sólo en circunstancias especiales.
¿Está usted interesado? Favor llamar al 718-327-2242 para mas información o para hacer una cita.


DÍA MEMORIAL
Este lunes es el Día de Conmemoración (Día Memorial), una Fiesta Nacional, la oficina de la rectoría estará cerrada. La misa será celebrada a las 9:00 A.M. en la Iglesia y a las 10:30 A.M. en el Cementerio de Santa María Estrella del Mar con el Obispo Cisneros. ¡Por favor trate de unirse a nosotros!

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6,622.40

Primera Colecta el Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4798.23

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 MARÍA CRISTINA BEYRA

El pasado sábado 22 de mayo tuvimos nuestra fiesta de fin de curso de la escuela de religión. Fue un día maravilloso en el que la comunidad parroquial se unió para celebrar la constancia de los niños que asisten a las clases de religión los sábados y a los catequistas que semana tras semana dan gratuitamente y generosamente su tiempo. Los catequistas de este año fueron:

Veronica Austin
Maribel Chanona
Joseph Collazo
Fior Rodriguez
Zacarias Delgado
Marianne Echevarria
Azalea Fajardo-Clarke
Zoraida Fajardo
Mary Guerrier
Yvonne Hall
Carmen Macfie
Concepcion Martinez
Hazerom Mohammed
Daisie Rodriguez
Jose Santana
Susan Singh-Smith
Christina Sosa
Margarette Tassy
Paola Torre
Cecilia Ukwu

Sabemos que nunca podremos pagarles por lo que tan libremente le dan a nuestros niños y es por esto que se los encomendamos a la generosidad de nuestro Dios quien siempre devuelve el ciento por uno. Les pedimos a ustedes, los padres y a la comunidad en general, que los mantengan siempre en sus oraciones y que se ofrezcan a ayudarles en este ministerio tan importante de la iglesia.

Recuerden que nunca terminamos nuestro aprendizaje de la fe. Las clases de religión no son solamente una preparación sacramental, con esto les digo que los niños no vienen solamente para recibir los sacramentos (comunión y confirmación). Vienen a aprender acerca de su fe, de su iglesia y a encontrarse con la persona de Jesucristo a quien no pueden amar si no conocen. Nada que ustedes les puedan dar a sus hijos va a ser mas importante que su fe. Manténganlos en el programa año

tras año. Interésense en su formación religiosa. Lean los libros de texto - es por eso que hemos comprado libros bilingües, para que los padres puedan beneficiarse también. Conozcan a los catequistas, ayúdenlos y recen por ellos.

"La escuela de verano" les toca a ustedes.

Asegúrense de que durante los meses de verano sus hijos los vean practicando su fe, orando y viniendo a la misa todas las semanas. Dios no se toma una vacación de nosotros: IMITEMOSLO!

Que el Señor nos guie en nuestros esfuerzos de llevar a nuestros hijos a El. Que tengan un buen verano!

GRACIAS *La Oficina de Educación religiosa quiere darle las gracias al Sr. Mario Echevarría, su Sra. y a toda su familia por haberle ofrecido nuevamente a los niños de nuestro programa de catecismo una maravillosa fiesta de fin de año. Hemos puesto algunas fotos de la ocasión en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Gracias! Feliz Verano*

PEREGRINACIÓN—La Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis participará en una peregrinación Diocesana a la Basílica del Santuario de la Concepción Inmaculada en Washington DC el sábado, 30 de octubre del 2010. Tendremos un autobús para este viaje. El costo del viaje es \$55.00 por persona. Para mas información favor llamar a una o la otra rectoría.

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



R.I.C.A. 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.