

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



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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:**  
Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25  
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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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**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, 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 – Luis Melendez Burgos (dec)

*Sunday, June 5—Seventh Sunday of Easter*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Virginia Roundtree (Birthday)  
Jorge Santizo y Familia (sanación)
- 11:30 am – Miguel y Sabina Lopez (25 aniversario)  
Luis Melendez Burgos (dec)  
Rene Hernandez y Familia -Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
Levonne Williams (dec)

*Monday, June 6—St. Norbert*

- 8:00 am – Angeline Pandolfo (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Guylene Miguel (dec)  
Ana De Becerra (dec)

*Tuesday, June 7*

- 8:00 am – For the sick and the homebound
- 12:10 pm – Camille Marcos—Thanksgiving

*Wednesday, June 8*

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

*Thursday, June 9—St. Ephrem*

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

*Friday, June 10*

- 12:10 pm – Deceased Members of the Parish
- 7:30 pm – Luis Manuel Peña (dec)

*Saturday, June 11—St. Barnabas*

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
Luisa Chervoni (dec)  
Marie Constantine (health)
- 7:30 pm – Por los que sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas

*Sunday, June 12—Pentecost Sunday*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude)
- 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes  
Virgen Maria Auxiliadora- Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)  
Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

**PLEASE PRAY** for Brother James Joseph Mullen S.C., 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: Leonel Chavez.

**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 5-28, & 5-29 2011

<u>Mass Time</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>1st Collection</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>Father's Day Mass Rem</u>	<u>Total Collection</u>
5:00 PM	54	25	\$476.00	12	\$141.00	\$617.00
7:30 PM	157	36	\$438.00	16	\$124.00	\$562.00
8:15 AM	168	63	\$1,217.99	31	\$213.35	\$1,431.34
9:45 AM	181	58	\$804.25	18	\$139.01	\$943.26
11:30 AM	371	80	\$884.03	35	\$331.83	\$1,215.86
1:15 PM	334	63	\$1,007.52	27	\$304.40	\$1,311.92
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1265</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>\$4,827.79</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>\$1,253.59</b>	<b>\$6,081.38</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year:  
\$5231.63**

**(Parish weekly expenses average: \$8756.25)**

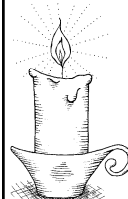
“Our Weekly Offering is One Way of Saying: WE BELONG to the Lord... And One Another. What Does **YOUR** Weekly Offering Say? Pray for His Guidance! THEN Make or Renew Your Commitment to Tithing –

**Make your Return to God Easier by using...**

**PARISH PAY**

[www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com)

**Weekday Readings**



**Sun** \* Acts 1:12-14 \* Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 \* Jn 17:1-11

**Mon** \* Acts 19:1-8 \* Ps 68:2-7 \* 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, 33-36ab \* Jn 17:11b-19

**Thurs** \* Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 \* Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 \* Jn 17:20-26

**Fri** \* Acts 25:13b-21 \* Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab \* Jn 21:15-19

**Sat** \* Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 \* Ps 98:1-6 \* Mt 10:7-13

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

*The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Rosa Miranda.***

***ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA AND ST. GERTRUDE***

*INVITES YOU ALL  
TO THE  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
FESTIVAL*



Come join us for a day of fun, International food and dancing

On Sunday, June 26, 2011  
1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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St. John the Baptist Bilingual Mass  
Will be celebrated  
On Friday, June 24, 2011  
At 7:30 P.M.



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### THE PRAYING DISCIPLES

Prayer is at the heart of the Christian life, yet too often we allow the days to slip by without ever turning to God in prayer. On the day of his ascension, the Lord Jesus issued his final, and perhaps strongest, mandate to the disciples. They were to go out into the world, baptizing people and telling of the commands of the Lord. Rather than jumping right to the task, the disciples gathered with others in prayer. They had learned from the words and deeds of the Master that in order to do God's work, they had to nurture their relationship with God through prayer. We have heard Gospel accounts of Jesus retreating into a faraway place in order to spend time in prayer. The night before he died, knowing all to which he was about to be subjected, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray with his disciples. Now his disciples, in the days leading up to Pentecost, follow the way of the Master by spending time in prayer.

### OUR CALL TO PRAYER

Perhaps God is calling us to take a serious look at our own prayer lives today. A friend of mine who recently stopped smoking told me that it was because of prayer that he was able to become free of his nicotine addiction. He said that when he really needed help he simply started talking to God, out loud. While driving to work, he would ask God for help. He said that drivers stopped in traffic next to him would give him strange looks, but that didn't matter. He needed God's help and his approach was quite simple. In order to do the work of helping to build God's kingdom here on earth, we must turn to God in prayer for strength. Let us be inspired by the disciples, Mary the Mother of God, as well as the other women and men who gathered in the upper room, awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

**Trip to Dorney Park** – St. Mary will have a trip to Dorney Park on Saturday, July 16, 2011. Departure time is at 7:00 A.M. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 that will cover the transportation and entrance to the park. For information, please call Zoila Herrera at 516-633-6017.

**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 TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### Upcoming Dates at Saint Mary Star of the Sea!

- Graduation Mass – St. Mary Star of the Sea School – June 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday – 9:00 A.M.
- Graduation Ceremony – St. Mary Star of the Sea School – June 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday – 7:30 P.M. (Please note there will be no Spanish Mass on June 17<sup>th</sup>.)
- Kindergarten Graduation – St. Mary Star of the Sea School – June 18<sup>th</sup> – 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 P.M. – All are welcome!
- International Feast of St. John the Baptist – Sunday – June 26<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

“They have kept your word.” — *John 17:6b*

**DEVOTED TO PRAYER**—Today, as we await Pentecost, we come to the end of the baptismal homily from Peter that we have heard over the past few weeks. This homily was written by a realist who knew the joy and the glory of a resurrection faith, but also knew that the strength of that faith would be put to the test and tried in suffering. Earlier this year we heard Jesus preach, “Blessed are you when they insult you . . . because of me” (Matthew 5:11) and this is echoed today by Peter. These words are also formed in the image of Christ who prays to the Father in heaven today, a prayer that is placed in John's Gospel right before Jesus endures his suffering and death. Our awaiting the Spirit, awaiting our mission for Christ means that we are, most likely, awaiting some sort of trial and suffering. We don't endure the same degree of persecution that Peter and John knew, but each of us has our faith put to the test eventually. And it is for this reason that we, like Jesus and like those faithful followers gathered in the upper room, devote ourselves to prayer.

**Preparation of the Gifts**—The altar is prepared, the gifts are received. Several brief rites follow with accompanying prayers, some prayed silently by the priest and deacon and others said aloud. We call this part of the Mass the “preparation.” What kind of preparation is happening? First, the presider holds up the paten or bowl containing the hosts, and says words that Jesus must have said many times, since they derive from ancient Jewish meal prayers: “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation!” We have brought forward our gifts, our offering to God, and now we acknowledge that they are not really ours—the gifts that we give are God's gift to us. It is “through your goodness” that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; “fruit of the earth and work of human hands.” Bread and wine are both God's work, and ours. These preparatory rites also prepare us for what we are about to do in the Eucharist, a mystery in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which our action is caught up into God's divine plan.

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS****Domingo Pasado: \$6081.38****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5231.63****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!

El Señor es mi luz



y mi salvación

**Séptimo Domingo de Pascua****LOS DISCÍPULOS QUE REZAN**

La oración es parte central de la vida cristiana, sin embargo, muchas veces dejamos que pasen los días sin siquiera acudir a Dios en una oración. En el primer día de su Ascensión, el Señor Jesús dio su última, y quizás su más importante instrucción, a los discípulos. Debían recorrer el mundo, bautizando a las personas y transmitiendo los mandamientos del Señor. En vez de poner manos a la obra inmediatamente, los discípulos se reunieron con otros para rezar. Por medio de las palabras y acciones del Maestro habían aprendido que para poder llevar a cabo la obra de Dios, debían nutrir su relación con Dios mediante la oración. Hemos escuchado pasajes del evangelio que relatan cómo Jesús se retiró a un lugar remoto para dedicarse a la oración. La noche antes de morir, sabiendo todo lo que iba a sufrir, Jesús fue al huerto de Getsemaní para rezar con sus discípulos. Ahora sus discípulos, en los días previos a Pentecostés, siguen el ejemplo del Maestro y pasan tiempo en oración.

**EL LLAMADO A LA ORACIÓN**

Tal vez Dios nos está llamando hoy para que examinemos seriamente nuestra vida de oración. Un amigo mío, que dejó de fumar hace poco, me dijo que pudo liberarse de su adicción a la nicotina gracias a la oración. Dijo que cuando realmente necesitaba ayuda, simplemente hablaba con Dios en voz alta. Mientras manejaba hacia el trabajo le pedía ayuda a Dios. Dijo que muchos de los conductores cerca de él, que debían parar por el tráfico, lo miraban de forma extraña pero eso no le importaba. Él necesitaba la ayuda de Dios y su método era sencillo. Para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios aquí en la tierra debemos acudir a Dios con la oración para que nos dé fuerzas. Que nos inspiren los discípulos, María, la Madre de Dios y los otros hombres y mujeres que se reunieron en el aposento alto para esperar la venida del Espíritu Santo.

**Viaje a Dorney Park** – Santa María Estrella del Mar les invita a un viaje a Dorney Park el sábado 16 de julio del 2011. Saldremos de Santa María a las 7:00 A.M. El costo es de \$60.00 que cubre la transportación y la entrada al parque. Para información favor llamar a Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

**EL VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY FUE CANCELADO POR AHORA HASTA NUEVO AVISO.**

**Séptimo Domingo de Pascua**Ellos han cumplido tu palabra". — *Juan 17:6b*

**DEDICADOS A LA ORACIÓN**—Hoy, mientras esperamos Pentecostés, llegamos al final de la homilía bautismal de Pedro que hemos estado escuchando en las últimas semanas. Esta homilía fue escrita por un realista que conoció el gozo y la gloria de una fe de resurrección, pero que también supo que el temple de esa fe sería probado en el sufrimiento. Varios domingos atrás oímos a Jesús predicar: "Dichosos cuando los injurien, . . . por causa mía" (Mateo 5:11) y eso encuentra eco hoy en Pedro. Estas palabras se forman en la imagen de Cristo que reza al Padre del Cielo hoy, una oración colocada en el Evangelio de Juan justo antes de que Jesús pasara por su sufrimiento y muerte. Esperar al Espíritu, esperar nuestra misión por Cristo significa que, probablemente, aguardamos algún tipo de prueba y sufrimiento. No soportamos el mismo grado de persecución que Pedro y Juan pasaron, pero la fe de cada uno de nosotros eventualmente será probada. Y es por esta razón que nosotros, al igual que Jesús y aquellos fieles discípulos que se reunieron en la habitación superior, nos dedicamos a la oración.

**Plegaria universal**—La Liturgia de la Palabra concluye con una oración de petición llamada Plegaria universal u Oración universal. El pueblo la identifica como "Petición", porque son oraciones de petición que se dirigen a Dios en nombre de toda la Iglesia, rogándole "por la salvación de todos". Estas oraciones siguen una estructura muy sencilla: Por y para, concluyendo con la fórmula: roguemos al Señor, a la que el pueblo responde, Te lo pedimos Señor o con otra respuesta semejante. Estas plegarias tienen un orden propio. Pedimos primero por las necesidades de la Iglesia, como institución; por los jefes de Estado y quienes gobiernan el mundo en todos sus niveles; por las personas que sufren cualquier tipo de opresión, sea económica, física, mental, de salud, de libertad de conciencia, de falta de expresión, de marginación, etcétera. El cuarto momento de esta oración está directamente enfocado a las necesidades de la comunidad local y, este es precisamente el momento de recordar nuestros difuntos. Este es el momento de presentar nuestras necesidades particulares, sea en voz alta o en voz baja, según lo indique quien preside la litúrgica, sea eucarística o sacramental. Estas plegarias pueden también cantarse de tal forma que favorezcan la participación

Todos ellos perseveraban en la oración

**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.