

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



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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),
11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Friday
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 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 Every Friday 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

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

LEGION DE MARIA: (Tres grupos) Lunes 7:30-9:00 PM -
McKenna; Sábados 9:30-11:00 AM—Sta. Gertrudis; Sábados 10:30-
12:00 PM - Sótano de la Rectoría

Rosary Society: 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 & 9:45
Mass

St. Vincent De Paul Society: Contact the Rectory

Charismatic Prayer Group in English Mondays at 7:00 P.M. at
St. Gertrude Church

Stewardship Committee: 2nd Sunday 2:30 P.M.

Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M.
Mass

Haitian Committee

Nigerian Committee: 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro) 2nd & 4th Thursday (Jueves)
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the McKenna Center

AA English: Thursdays 8:00 P.M. & Sundays 6:30 P.M.

AA Spanish: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays
8:00 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

5:00 pm - Marie Marthe Badette (dec)
 7:30 pm - Alcibiades Gomez (dec)
 Segundo Reinoso (dec)

Sunday, June 21, 2015 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Howard & Viola Gannon (dec)
 Dalip Singh (dec)
 Theresa & Rawle Brazzier
 9:45 am - Mass available
 11:30 am - Alfredo Suarez (dec)
 Gregorio Garcia Jimenez (dec)
 Ermelinda Guardado (dec)
 Nieves Rodriguez (dec)
 Pedro Bonilla (acción de gracias)
 Presentación del bebe Andrew Elliott Lagos
 1:15 pm - Angela Rivara (dec)
 Fr. Charles White (thanksgiving)
 Jawindy Swengby (thanksgiving)

Monday, June 22, 2015 - St. Thomas More

12:10 pm - Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

12:10 pm - Father's Day Novena
 Yadiria Morel (healing)

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

12:10 pm - Father's Day Novena
 Angeline & Joseph Pandolfo (dec)
 7:30 PM - Misa disponible

Thursday, June 25, 2015

12:10 pm - Father's Day Novena

Friday, June 26, 2015

12:10 pm - Father's Day Novena
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Saturday, June 27, 2015 - St. Cyril of Alexandria

5:00 pm - Carmine J., Carmine, Antonietta Capone (dec)
 7:30 pm - Novena del Dia de los Padres
 Maximo Suarez (dec)

Sunday, June 28, 2015 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Rosary Society
 9:45 am - Father's Day Novena
 Almas del Purgatorio
 11:30 am - Misa disponible
 1:15 pm - Mary B. Waldron (dec)

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

1st Collection last weekend - \$4,680.00

Second Collection – \$1,676.00

1st Collection 2014 - \$4,829.00

"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.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; Mk 4:35-41

Mon * Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tues * Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wed * **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thurs * Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Fri * Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Sat * Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Altar Server Assignments for June 27 & 28, 2015

Confirmation - Sat. 2:15 PM - Sebastian Rosas, Jacques Mathieu, Kevin Robles, Michelle Martinez, Jamal Michel, Edward Peña

Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Dennys Castillo

Sat. 7:30 PM - Lisbed Flores, Evin Flores, Jeison Fernandez, Aaliyah Mayorga-Miranda

Sun. 8:15 AM – Bianca Salonga, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia

Sun. 9:45 AM- Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo

Sun. 11:30 AM – Elsa de la Cruz, Lexa Torres, Genesis Contreras, Salome Lopez

1:15 PM – Noah Roberts, Bianca Ramjassingh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS BORN IN JUNE

Alex Romero-Cortez	Bianca Ramjassingh
Elsa de la Cruz Martinez	Iziegbeuwa Odia
Aaliya Mayorga - Miranda	David Gomez Lopez

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

The flowers are given in **Thanksgiving**.

The sanctuary candle is given in memory of

Gerald Di Salvatore.



The Sick: Barbara Moore, Ismael (Junior) Panasuk, Juan Santana, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithfully departed: William Bonilla.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS GOD PAYING ATTENTION?

When storms rage without and within, and we are beset with dread and frantic activity, we often find ourselves wondering, "Is God paying attention?" Today we learn that God indeed pays attention. Today we learn of the God who is beyond and of God who is here. We discover that the God who created the boundaries of the sea is within the raging seas that sometimes threaten us. We ponder troubles and we learn trust. We are drawn to consider that we are one with the Lord of all time and trouble. We are one with Christ who has died for all and lives for all, and we are all new creations in a world freshly ordered. This trust and faith steadies our ship and calms our seas.

We have some surety now, even as we continue to move our small ships through treacherous waters. We can take on life's journey with its troubles and its peace, for Christ indeed is here and attentive to us, whether or not we are likewise so mindful. As God's own people, we cannot expect to slip through life as small skiffs on glassy seas. But we can expect God to be right there with us, inside and outside, as close as mates on a small vessel, as yeast in bread, as blood coursing through the veins.

TRUST

The people of Brittany who make their living from the sea have given us a gentle prayer that is soaked through with trust: "Lord, the sea is so large, and my boat is so small." As sea folk ship out to sea, so do Christian folk turn to sisters and brothers and take on all the turns and troubles and joys that come with loving one another. For the inner sea is calm, and peace and life have the final claim.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Heavenly Father,
 you entrusted your Son Jesus,
 the child of Mary,
 to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
 Bless all fathers
 as they care for their families.
 Give them strength and wisdom,
 tenderness and patience;
 support them in the work they have to do,
 protecting those who look to them,
 as we look to you for love and salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
 Amen.

Nativity of John the Baptist

THE GIFT OF A CHILD

A sign goes up on the neighbor's lawn: "Welcome Home Our New Baby Boy." Bright balloons speak to the celebration. The neighborhood comes alive. One organizes a week of dinners for the mother and her family. Another collects for a month's supply of diapers. The new parents respond by announcing the baby's name and extending an invitation to the baby's baptism with a party to follow.

Isn't it a positive sign that in a society that has legalized the killing of the unborn, a community will still joyfully unite to celebrate the birth of a child?

THE COMMUNITY REJOICES

The situation surrounding the birth of John the Baptist was not all that different from the one described above. Elizabeth and Zechariah's neighbors knew about the unusual circumstances of Elizabeth's pregnancy (she was older and had been unable to conceive) and joyfully greeted the baby's birth.

The new baby was firmly rooted in his religious community. His parents observed the law of the covenant given to Abraham when they had him circumcised on the eighth day. They shared with everyone their son's special name, John, and Zechariah, who had been mute, immediately began to speak. The people were amazed and recognized that the Lord's hand was on this special baby. The neighbors were also fearful, knowing that the life of God's chosen is often difficult.

We could ask about any infant, "What will this child be?" and imagine a world of possibilities. At the same time, we know that the gift of faith received in baptism and nurtured in families, neighborhoods, and parishes guarantees the greatest success of all—an eternal place in the reign of God.

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 28, 2015
 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

St. John the Baptist Bilingual Mass
 will be celebrated on
 Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

The 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal - our diocesan goal remains \$47,883.00; the same as for the last few years.

As of June 15, 2015 we've received 146 commitments, for pledges totaling \$40,586.00, and we have collected \$26,437.00. We are 7,297.00 from our commitment goal. Yeah!!! We are on a roll! Let's keep it going!!!!!!

We have almost 1000 registered parishioners. So, **if you have not already done so, please make your commitment to the campaign as soon as possible.**

Don't stop now! We're still on track to meet our diocesan goal.

Thank you for your generosity.

REMEMBER: that every dollar that we receive over \$47,883.00 is returned to our parish. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!!**

Community Happenings Corner

Trip to Dorney Park - St. Mary's will have a trip to Dorney Park on Saturday, July 11, 2015. Departure at 8:00 A.M and returning at 7:00 P.M. The cost of the trip is \$75.00 that will cover the transportation and entrance to the park. For information, call Zoila Herrera at 516-633-6017.

Boardwalk Rebuild Employment Opportunities - A storefront office is now open to accept boardwalk job applications. The address is 9208 Rockaway Beach Blvd. Please visit the office for current information for boardwalk rebuilding job opportunities.

Far Rockaway Long Term Recovery Assistance "Call to Action" - The Far Rockaway Long term Recovery team meets every other Wednesday night. This group is diligently working to assist in the long term recovery of the Rockaways. They can offer assistance and referrals to families who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Join them at their next meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Battalion Pentecostal Assembly, Inc., 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. All are welcome; pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

REGISTER TO VOTE - YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!!- If you have not yet done so, please remember to register to vote as soon as possible. It is important that all residents of the Rockaways who can register to vote do register to vote. Don't forget to vote in **ALL** elections; local, state and federal. Our community is often overlooked by aid from our government because they feel that we don't care enough to register and to vote. If we do not register and do not vote we will continue to be the 'forgotten peninsula' of NYC. Visit the rectory and pick up a voter registration form in either English or Spanish. Voter Registration Forms are also available in other languages; ask for more information at the rectory. Remember, **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!**

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4,680.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1,676.00

Primera Colecta del 2014: \$4,829.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$4787.00

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!



Decimosegundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿ESTÁ DIOS PRESTANDO ATENCIÓN?

Cuando las tormentas rugen afuera y por dentro, y nos sentimos hostigados por pavores y frenética actividad, a menudo nos encontramos preguntándonos: "¿Está Dios prestando atención?" Hoy aprendemos que Dios sí presta atención. Hoy escuchamos sobre el Dios del más allá y sobre el Dios que está aquí. Descubrimos que el Dios que creó los contornos del mar está en medio de los mares a veces rugientes y amenazantes. Examinamos los problemas y aprendemos a confiar. Se nos invita a considerar que somos uno con el Señor en todo tiempo y dificultad. Somos uno con Cristo quien murió por todos y vive por todos, y somos todos nuevas creaciones en un mundo renovado. Esta fe y confianza afirma nuestro barco y calma nuestros mares.

Tenemos cierta seguridad ahora, aun cuando continuamos con nuestras pequeñas embarcaciones por aguas traicioneras. Podemos hacerle frente al camino de la vida con sus problemas y su paz, porque en verdad Cristo está aquí atento a nosotros, sea que estemos atentos a él o no. Al igual que el pueblo de Dios, no podemos esperar deslizarnos por la vida como si fuéramos un botecito sobre un mar en calma. Pero podemos esperar que Dios esté allí mismo a nuestro lado, afuera y por dentro, tan compañero como los marineros en una pequeña embarcación, como la levadura en el pan, como sangre que corre por las venas.

CONFIANZA

La gente de Bretaña que se gana la vida del fruto del mar nos ha legado una sencilla oración empapada de fe y confianza: "Señor, el mar es tan vasto y mi barca es tan pequeña". Así como la gente del mar se entrega a los barcos, la gente cristiana se vuelcan a los hermanos y hermanas y le hacen frente a todas las vueltas, tribulaciones y alegrías que sobrevienen del amarse unos a otros. Porque el mar interior está calmo, y la paz y la vida tienen la palabra final.

La Natividad de San Juan Bautista

EL DON DE UN NIÑO

Un letrero se pone en el césped de un vecino: "Damos la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo hijito". Globos coloridos indican la ocasión. El vecindario se anima. Uno organiza una semana de cenas para la madre y su familia. Otro recoge un suministro de un mes de pañales. Los nuevos padres responden anunciando el nombre del bebé y extendiendo una invitación al bautismo del bebé seguido de una fiesta.

¿No es verdad que es una señal positiva en una sociedad que ha legalizado la matanza de los no nacidos, que una comunidad se una con alegría para celebrar el nacimiento de un niño?

LA COMUNIDAD SE REGOCIJA

La situación del nacimiento de Juan Bautista no fue tan diferente de la descrita arriba. Los vecinos de Isabel y Zacarías sabían las inusuales circunstancias del embarazo de Isabel (era de avanzada edad y no había podido concebir) y saludaron con alegría el nacimiento del bebé.

El nuevo bebé estaba bien enraizado en su comunidad religiosa. Sus padres observaban la ley de la Alianza dada a Abrahán cuando en el octavo día lo circuncidaron.

Compartieron con todos el nombre especial de su hijo: Juan; y Zacarías, que había estado mudo, de repente comenzó a hablar. La gente estaba impresionada y reconocía que la mano del Señor estaba sobre ese bebé especial. Los vecinos también estaban asustados porque sabían que la vida de los escogidos de Dios a menudo es difícil.

Podríamos preguntar sobre cualquiera niño: "¿Qué va a ser este niño?", e imaginarnos un mundo de posibilidades. Al mismo tiempo, sabemos que el don de la fe recibido en el bautismo y nutrido en la familia, vecindario y parroquia, garantiza el mayor éxito de todos —un sitio eterno en el reino de Dios.

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis

Los invita a todos a un día alegre con comidas internacionales, juegos y música.

FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA



Domingo 28 de Junio del 2015
1:00 P.M. a 8:00 P.M.

Venga a celebrar con nosotros!

Celebraremos la misa bilingüe el Miércoles 24 de Junio a las 7:30 P.M. Por favor trate de unirse a nosotros!

¡FELIZ DIA DE LOS PADRES!



Señor Dios, Padre bueno,
creador del género humano,
Tú enviaste a tu Hijo Jesús,
para redimir y salvar a los hombres,
El quiso nacer en una familia como la nuestra,
le diste a la Virgen María como madre
y a San José como padre; te pedimos por
estos padres para que, a ejemplo de San José,
amen a sus hijos, los cuiden y protejan,
y sobre todo, les enseñes a amarte a Ti
que eres nuestro Padre del Cielo,
te sirvan en todo, y alcancen finalmente la vida eterna.
Te lo pedimos a Ti que vives y reinas
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Viaje a Dorney Park - Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a un viaje a Dorney Park el sábado 11 de Julio del 2015. Salida de Santa María a las 8:00 A.M. y regresando a las 7:00 P.M. Costo \$75.00 que cubre la transportación y entrada al parque. Para información favor llamar a Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

Oportunidades de Empleos para la Reconstrucción del Paseo Marítimo (Boardwalk) - Una oficina estará abierta en el 9208 Rockaway Beach Blvd para aceptar aplicaciones. Visite la oficina para obtener información actualizada de las oportunidades de trabajo de la reconstrucción del paseo marítimo.

"Llamada a la Acción" Asistencia de Recuperación a Largo

Plazo de Far Rockaway—El equipo de recuperación a largo plazo de Far Rockaway se reúne cada segundo Miércoles en la noche. Este grupo está trabajando diligentemente para ayudar en la recuperación a largo plazo de los Rockaways. Pueden ofrecer ayuda y referencias a las familias que fueron afectadas por el huracán Sandy. Únete a ellos en su próxima reunión el Miércoles, 1 de Julio del 2015 de 7:00 a 8:30 en la Iglesia Batallón Asamblea Pentecostal, 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. Corra la voz a sus familiares, vecinos y amigos. Todos son bienvenidos.

REGISTRESE PARA VOTAR - TU VOTO CUENTA !!!!!

Si todavía no se ha registrado para votar, hágalo lo mas pronto posible. Es importante que todos los residentes de Rockaways se registren para votar. Nuestra comunidad a veces la pasan por alto de la ayuda de nuestro gobierno, porque sienten que no nos importan lo suficiente como para registrarnos y votar. Si no nos registramos y votamos vamos a seguir siendo la 'península olvidada' de Nueva York. Visite la rectoría y recoja un formulario de registro de votantes, ya sea en Inglés o Español. Los Formularios de Inscripción de Votantes también están disponibles en otros idiomas; favor de pedir más información en la rectoría. **Recuerde, TU VOTO CUENTA !!!**