

# 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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**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 25*

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – Father’s Day Novena  
Gabriel, Herson & Waldman Rivera (dec)  
Agnes Defields (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Maximo Suarez (dec), Cantalisa Brea (dec)

*Sunday, June 26 —The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Por las almas del purgatorio  
Michael T. Fallatik (dec)  
Donna Callender (dec)  
Kimora George (birthday)
- 11:30 am – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
Ursula Suriel (dec), Nieves Rodriguez (dec)  
Miguel Angel Tesis (dec)  
Natividad Lomely de Chanona (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Nicole Singh—Thanksgiving  
Mary B. Waldron (dec), Grace Abella (dec)  
Saheem Green

*Monday, June 27*

- 8:00 am – Msgr. John Bracken—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Carmine Capone Jr. (dec)

*Tuesday, June 28—St. Irenaeus*

- 8:00 am – Msgr. John Bracken—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Marylou Torres (birthday)

*Wednesday, June 29—St. Peter & St. Paul*

- 8:00 am – Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Nicole Navarro—Thanksgiving

*Thursday, June 30*

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Married Couples
- 12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound

*Friday, July 1—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 7:30 pm – Sagrado Corazon de Jesus  
Zoila Hernandez (salud)

*Saturday, July 2—The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 12:10 pm – For the children of the parish
- 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec), Seberina Polanco (dec)  
Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Ricardo Aguilar (dec)

*Sunday, July 3 —Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Jorge Santizo y Fam. (sanación)
- 11:30 am – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)  
Adalberto Bardales (dec), Victor Serrano (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Pauline Singh—Thanksgiving

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**—Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, Mauricio Garcia, Frank Bulger, Janise Joseph and our faithful departed: Brother James Joseph Mullen S.C., Cecilia Vargas—mother of Corado Hernandez who died in P.R.

**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 6-18, & 6-19 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	St. John the Baptist	Total Collection
5:00 PM	56	28	\$456.30	19	\$192.29	\$648.59
7:30 PM	195	18	\$283.08	6	\$124.25	\$407.33
8:15 AM	218	90	\$1,308.70	42	\$349.00	\$1,657.70
9:45 AM	189	45	\$673.50	26	\$184.05	\$857.55
11:30 AM	412	106	\$1,374.50	50	\$505.11	\$1,879.61
1:15 PM	169	67	\$1,010.11	34	\$196.85	\$1,206.96
Father's Day Rem		7	\$50.00			\$50.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$5,156.19</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>\$1,551.55</b>	<b>\$6,707.74</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$4756.37**

**(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** \*Deut 8:2-3,14-16\*Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,19-20 \*Jn 6:51-58
- Mon** \* Gn 18:16-33 \* Ps 103:1-4, 8-11 \* Mt 8:18-22
- Tues** \* Gn 19:15-29 \* Ps 26:2-3, 9-12 \* Mt 8:23-27
- Wed** \* Acts 12:1-11 \* Ps 34:2-9 \* Mt 16:13-19
- Thurs** \* Gn 22:1b-19 \* Ps 115:1-6, 8-9 \* Mt 9:1-8
- Fri** \* Dt 7:6-11 \* Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10 \* Mt 11:25-30
- Sat** \* Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 \* Ps 135:1-6 \* Lk 2:41-51

**Peter’s Pence Collection**

This weekend we join every other Parish in the nation in taking up a special collection to assist our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI. Thank you for your generosity.

**Welcome**

This week we welcome Father Innasi Mudiappan an Indian Priest of the community of Voluntas Dei. Father will be helping out in our parish for July, August and September.

We also welcome back Father Cletus who will be with us for the month of July.

# ***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.

## **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

### **FLESH AND BLOOD**

The intimate bond that unites families is well described by the phrase “flesh and blood.” “How can you treat your own flesh and blood so harshly?” a father might ask his son. “I can’t give up my baby for adoption; she’s my own flesh and blood,” a daughter may say to her mother. “I love you as though you were my own flesh and blood,” a brother might say to a stepbrother. It is as though our families are an inseparable part of us. Even those who have traumatic or abusive experiences with family members recognize the depth of emotional and spiritual connection we have with our families.

In Jesus’ words to the crowds in today’s Gospel we hear him talk about our participation in the Eucharist as a sharing in his own flesh and blood. Through the Eucharist Christ himself dwells in us. His divine and eternal life courses through our veins. Like a family gathered at table, we become more and more intimately connected with Christ and one another. As Paul tells us, “We, though many, are one body” (1 Corinthians 10:17), united as members of Christ’s own flesh and blood.

### **FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD**

Within the Body of Christ today, many are suffering as Jesus once did, and the suffering of one of our “brothers and sisters” should be of deep concern to us. We who partake of the Body and Blood of Christ must be prepared to be broken and poured out as Jesus was “for the life of the world” (John 6:51). We must become willing to suffer ourselves if it will benefit a member of our own “flesh and blood.”

As you receive Holy Communion this week, open your heart to the intimate connections that unite us as family within the Body of Christ. Then reflect on how those bonds will affect the way you treat your own flesh and blood this week.



**CHECK  
THIS OUT!**

**Please visit the new parish web!**

In his message for the 44<sup>th</sup> World Day of Communications, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world of digital communication, with its almost limitless expressive capacity, makes us appreciate all the more Saint Paul's exclamation: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16). The increased availability of the new technologies demands greater responsibility on the part of those called to proclaim the Word..."

That is exactly what we have been doing at St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Parish! In a collaborative effort with the St. Mary's Alumni Association, we have been working to become more focused, efficient and compelling in proclaiming the *Good News* of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our new, interactive website is designed to serve as the focal point for all parish ministries and activities. Please check out the new website to learn more about our parish family and our work for the *New Evangelization!*

Visit the new website at: <http://www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org> (don't forget to check out our Facebook page and YouTube channel, as well!).

#### HAITIAN APOSTOLATE

The Haitian Apostolate of the Diocese of Brooklyn will celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at The Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 5th Avenue & 59th Street in Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

**PILGRIMAGE**—Bishop Guy Sansaricq and the National Center of the Haitian Apostolate invite you to a Pilgrimage to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, July 10th. The bus will depart from in front of the rectory at 7:00 A.M. Tickets are \$45. For additional information contact Jacques Mathieu at 718-471-1465

The Annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will take place July 6th until July 17th. For information or directions call 718-384-0223.

**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.

#### 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

As of June 17, 2011 we have reached the \$50,000.00 mark!!! Our current pledges total \$50,348.22. We are half-way to our parish's 'personal' goal of \$100,000.00.

Yes, we have reached our diocesan goal of \$44,489.00; however, let us aim for our \$100,000.00 parish goal. Don't forget that every dollar over \$44,489.00 that is collected is returned to our parish. We can greatly reduce our indebtedness, with the support of all of our parishioners. Please give prayerful thought to giving. Help support our Church.

Since last weekend's report, 5 additional parishioners have made their pledges, bringing our total to 226 pledges. We can do better than this! Please reach out to your family and friends, who are parishioners of our parish, and ask them to make their pledge. Remember, there are still more than 600 parishioners who have not yet made their pledge. Let us all proactively encourage everyone to join in our efforts to support our parish. If each one of us can encourage 1 person to make their pledge, we would be able to reach our 'personal' goal in no time at all. My personal thanks to you for your continued support of our Annual Catholic Appeal, and for your continued generosity.

Please make your pledge as soon as possible. Commitment forms may be found in the vestibule of both Churches. You may also contact the rectory for more information on 718 327-1133, ext. 16.

#### EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

**Domingo Pasado: \$6707.74**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4756.37**

**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!

**PEREGRINAJE**—El Obispo Guy Sansaricq y el Centro Nacional Apostólico Haitiano los invita a un peregrinaje al Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de Fátima el Domingo 10 de Julio. Tendremos un autobús que saldrá de Santa María a las 7:00 A.M. El costo de los boletos es \$45. Para mas información favor de ponerse en contacto con el Sr. Jacques Mathieu al 718-471-1465.

La Fiesta Anual de Nuestra Señora del Carmen se llevara a cabo desde el 6 de Julio hasta el 17 Julio. Para información favor de llamar al 718-384-0223.

#### Colecta Peter's Pence

Este fin de semana nos uniremos a todas las parroquias de la nación en hacer una colecta especial para apoyar el trabajo de nuestro Santo Padre el Papa Benedicto XVI. Gracias a todos por su generosidad.



## El Santísimo Cuerpo y la Santísima Sangre de Cristo

### DE MI PROPIA SANGRE

El vínculo íntimo que une a las familias se describe claramente con la frase "de la misma sangre". "¿Cómo puedes ser tan severo con alguien de tu propia sangre?" pudiera preguntar un padre a su hijo. "No puedo dar a mi bebé en adopción, es mi propia sangre", le puede decir una hija a su madre. "Te amo como si fueras de mi propia sangre", pudiera decirle un hermano a su hermanastro. Es como si nuestra familia fuera una parte inseparable de nosotros. Aun aquellos que han experimentado episodios traumáticos o de abuso con sus familiares admiten el profundo vínculo emocional y espiritual que tenemos con nuestras familias.

Las palabras que Jesús dirige a la multitud en el evangelio de hoy nos hablan acerca de nuestra participación en la eucaristía, donde compartimos su carne y su sangre. Por medio de la Eucaristía Cristo habita en nosotros. Su vida divina y eterna corre por nuestras venas. Como una familia reunida alrededor de la mesa, nos vinculamos más y más íntimamente con Cristo y con el prójimo. Como nos dice San Pablo, "Nosotros, aunque somos muchos, formamos un solo cuerpo" (1 Corintios 10:17), unidos como miembros de la carne y sangre de Cristo.

### PARA QUE EL MUNDO TENGA VIDA

Hoy en día, hay muchos dentro del Cuerpo de Cristo que sufren como Jesús sufrió, y el sufrimiento de algún "hermano" o de alguna "hermana" nos debe afectar profundamente. Nosotros, los que comemos y tomamos el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, debemos estar preparados a entregarnos, como lo hizo Jesús, "para que el mundo tenga vida" (Juan 6:51). Debemos estar dispuestos a sufrir si esto beneficiara a algún miembro "de nuestra propia sangre". Cuando reciban la Sagrada Comunión esta semana, abran el corazón al íntimo vínculo que nos une como familia del Cuerpo de Cristo. Luego reflexionen sobre cómo este vínculo afectará la forma en que traten a alguien de su propia sangre esta semana.

**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.

### 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.

### Resumen semanal de la Campaña Anual Católica

**¡Para el 17 de junio de 2011 habíamos alcanzado la meta de \$50,000.00!!!** **Nuestras promesas suman un total de \$50,348.22..** Estamos casi a la mitad de alcanzar la meta personal de la parroquia de \$100,000.00.

Ya hemos alcanzado nuestro objetivo diocesano de \$44,489.00; sin embargo, debemos luchar por alcanzar los \$100,000.00. No olvide que cada dólar sobre los \$44,489.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Con el apoyo de nuestros feligreses podremos reducir enormemente nuestras deudas. Oremos para que todos nuestros feligreses nos apoyen. Por favor apoye a nuestra Iglesia.

Desde el informe del pasado fin de semana, 5 feligreses mas hicieron sus promesas, sumando un total de 226 promesas. ¡Podemos hacer mucho mas! Por favor corra la voz a sus familiares y amigos que pertenecen a nuestra parroquia para que participen. Recuerde, hay todavía más de 600 feligreses que todavía no han hecho su promesa. Tratemos de animar a todos a participar. Si cada uno de nosotros puede animar a una persona a prometer, podremos alcanzar nuestro objetivo 'personal'.

Gracias a todos por su generosidad y continuo apoyo a nuestra campaña. 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.

### ¡Visite la Pagina Web nueva de nuestra parroquia!

En su mensaje para el Día Mundial de Comunicaciones, nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Benedicto XVI dijo, "el mundo de la comunicación digital, con su capacidad expresiva casi ilimitada, nos hace apreciar mucho más el mensaje de San Pablo: "Ay de mí si no predico el Evangelio" (1 Corintios 9:16). La creciente disponibilidad de las nuevas tecnologías exige la mayor responsabilidad de parte de aquellos llamados para proclamar la Palabra ... "

Es exactamente lo que hemos estado haciendo en la Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis! En un esfuerzo de colaboración con la Asociación de Alumnos de Santa María, hemos estado trabajando para estar más centrados, eficientes y más convincente en la proclamación de las Buenas Nuevas del Evangelio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Nuestra nueva interactiva página Web, esta diseñada para servir como el punto central para todos los ministerios y actividades parroquiales. ¡Por favor visite nuestra nueva página Web para aprender más sobre nuestra familia parroquial y nuestro trabajo para la Nueva Evangelización!

Visite el nuevo sitio Web—[www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org](http://www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org) (no olvidan de visitar nuestra página de Facebook y YouTube, también!).