

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



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:
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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, 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)
Robert J. Cunningham (dec)
Seberina Polanco (dec)

7:30 pm – Ricardo Aguilar (dec)
Maria de la Cruz Castro (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)
Fiedio Antonio Espinal (dec)
San Antonio por la salud de Juan Santana

1:15 pm – Pauline Singh—Thanksgiving

Monday, July 4

9:00 am – Rev. Samuel Aririatu (dec)

Tuesday, July 5—St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

8:00 am – For those serving in the Armed Forces

12:10 pm – Maria Luisa de La Torre (dec)

Wednesday, July 6—St. Maria Goretti

8:00 am – Vocations

12:10 pm – Married Couples

Thursday, July 7

9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Married Couples

12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound

Friday, July 8

12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces

7:30 pm – Monseñor Cordero (40 aniv.)

Saturday, July 9—St. Augustine Zhao Rong

12:10 pm – For the children of the parish

5:00 pm – Robert J. Cunningham (dec)

7:30 pm – Monseñor Cordero (40 aniv.)

Sunday, July 10—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am – Mass for the People of the Parish

9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Patria Montero (dec)

11:30 am – Por los sacerdotes de la parroquia
Monseñor Cordero (40 aniv.)

1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Marcelino Domingo (dec)

Pray For

Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, Nubia Melgar, Mauricio Garcia, Frank Bulger, Janise Joseph and our faithful departed: June Kenny.

HAVE A HAPPY

AND

SAFE



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 6-25, & 6-26 2011

<u>Mass Time</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>1st Collection</u>	<u># of Env.</u>	<u>Peter's Pence</u>	<u>Total Collection</u>
5:00 PM	67	34	\$862.00	19	\$129.50	\$991.50
7:30 PM	162	26	\$405.85	6	\$141.40	\$547.25
8:15 AM	184	79	\$1,473.62	42	\$348.21	\$1,821.83
9:45 AM	178	26	\$693.50	26	\$186.80	\$880.30
11:30 AM	473	102	\$1,477.45	50	\$555.58	\$2,033.03
1:15 PM	143	50	\$771.02	34	\$155.00	\$926.02
Totals	1207	317	\$5,683.44	177	\$1,516.49	\$7,199.93

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$4028.79

(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 * Zec 9:9-10 * Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 * Mt 11:25-30

Mon * Gn 28:10-22 * Ps 91:1-4, 14-15 * Mt 9:18-26

Tues * Gn 32:23-33 * Ps 17:1-3, 6-8, 15 * Mt 9:32-38

Wed * Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a * Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 * Mt 10:1-7

Thurs * Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 * Ps 105:16-21 * Mt 10:7-15

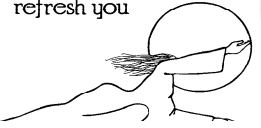
Fri * Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 * Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 * Mt 10:16-23

Sat * Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a * Ps 105:1-4, 6-7 * Mt 10:24-33

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Benedict reach out to those in need. Your generosity will help to cast Christ's peace upon the world.

Come to me
...and I will
refresh you



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE ARE NOT DEBTORS

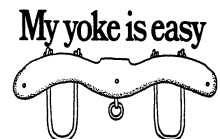
Our King comes, not in the glory of earthly rulers, but as a humble poor man. Jesus tells us how God works in the world. Paul reminds us that we are not debtors to the flesh, but we are free people, liberated to be our best selves, to serve God and each other with humility and joy.

How do we live out this freedom of ours? Many of the world's poor live in severe poverty, their nations' economies weighed down by the yoke and burden of debt. This crushing debt is owed to the wealthy countries of the world, their banks and their investors. Our affluence rests in some measure on the back-breaking poverty of our brothers and sisters.

It is good to contemplate what we can do to relieve or forgive these debts that have been paid many times over, because interest payments are counted first. Pope John Paul II called for forgiveness of such debts, and some progress has been made, yet much suffering remains.

YOU WILL FIND REST

The promise of Jesus is good news indeed. God has hidden the knowledge of the reign of God from the learned and the wise, those who say that the poor are responsible for their own plight, and that nothing can be done for them. Jesus turns such human wisdom on its head, proclaiming instead that God works differently. We are poor in spirit if we follow Jesus in lifting the yoke of the law and slavery to the flesh, freeing the burdened of their crushing load. It may cost our economy some of its profits, but we can believe that our burdens will also be lifted and our work made light. What seems impossible to the learned is known to the humble. When we rest in Christ, laying down the burden of our preoccupation with "things," we can rejoice with all people at the coming of our meek and humble Lord, who brings holy rest to an anxious and materialistic world.



Thank you Msgr. Bracken

The parishioners and staff of the Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude would like to extend their gratitude for all that you've done for our parish. In the 10 months that you've been here, we have seen a great and positive change. We know that we could not have done it alone. The road was not always easy, but in the end it was the best road traveled for our parish.

Please know that you will always be in our prayers, and we wish you well on your new assign. We will miss your great homilies. Don't be a stranger; you are always welcome here at St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude.

Welcome Home Father Fulgencio

We are overjoyed that you are coming back home. We welcome you with open arms, and give great thanks to Bishop DiMarzio for sending you back home to us. You were dearly missed by all of the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church and we are happy that you are with us again.

The St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church family are truly blessed to have you as our administrator. We promise to continue work to keep our parish alive and vibrant.



Please Visit the New Parish Web Page!

In his message for the 44th 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: www.saintmaryandgertrude.org (don't forget to check out our Facebook page and YouTube channel, as well!).

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

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.

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY—The Puerto Rican committee invite you to a trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, July 23, 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.

Save this date, Saturday September 24, 2011. St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude parish walkathon. More information will be coming soon.

Election Inspectors Jobs—Dr. Geraldine Chapey announces that there are positions available for Democratic election inspectors. The pay is \$200 per day. Inspectors will work on primary day September 13, 2011 and election day on November 8, 2011

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

As of June 24, 2011, our pledges total \$51,498.62.

Thanks to you, we are moving in the right direction!!

I am confident that we will reach our parish goal of \$100,000.00 very soon. Bishop DiMarzio sends his thanks and appreciation to us for reaching our diocesan goal of \$44,489.00.

Don't forget that every dollar over \$44,489.00 that is collected is returned to our parish.

Since last weekend's report, 3 additional parishioners have made their pledges, bringing our total to 229 pledges. We can do better than this! I am calling you, once again, to reach out to your family and friends, who are parishioners of our parish, and ask them to make their pledge. With just 71 new pledges, we will make the half-way mark of our 600 parishioners. Imagine, soon we can boast that 50% of our parishioners have made their pledge. What an accomplishment that would be if we can reach the 50% mark by the end of the summer! Let's make every effort to make our personal goal, while receiving pledge commitments and full payment from **all** of our parishioners!

Thanks 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: \$7199.93

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4028.79

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!

Colecta Peter's Pence

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo a la labor esencial del Santo Padre y a sus obras caritativas por medio de la Colecta Peter's Pence. Nuestras contribuciones serán combinadas con las de nuestros hermanos y hermanas alrededor del mundo para ayudar al Santo Padre a socorrer a los mas necesitados. Gracias por su generosidad, estaremos esparciendo la paz de Cristo por el mundo.

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.



Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

NO VIVIMOS SEGÚN LA CARNE

Nuestro Rey llega, no con el esplendor de los gobernantes mortales, sino como un hombre sencillo y humilde. Jesús nos dice cómo Dios obra en el mundo. Pablo nos recuerda que no vivimos según la carne, sino que somos personas libres, liberadas para tratar de ser lo mejor, para servir a Dios y al prójimo con humildad y alegría.

¿Cómo usamos esta libertad que tenemos? Mucha gente sencilla vive en la pobreza extrema, la economía de sus naciones está agobiada por el yugo y la carga de la deuda. Esta deuda aplastante la han impuesto los países ricos del mundo, sus bancos y sus inversionistas. Nuestra riqueza económica se apoya hasta cierto punto en la pobreza devastadora de nuestros hermanos y nuestras hermanas.

Es bueno reflexionar sobre qué podemos hacer para aliviar o perdonar estas deudas que han sido pagadas varias veces, porque primero se calculan y se cobran los intereses. El papa Juan Pablo II pidió que se perdonaran tales deudas, y algo se ha progresado, sin embargo todavía queda mucho sufrimiento.

ENCONTRARÁS DESCANSO

La promesa de Jesús es una buena noticia sin lugar a dudas. Dios escondió el conocimiento del reino de Dios a los entendidos y sabios, aquellos que dicen que los pobres son responsables de su propia situación y que no se puede hacer nada por ellos. Jesús contradice esa sabiduría humana al proclamar que Dios obra de manera diferente. Somos pobres de espíritu si suprimimos el yugo de la ley y la esclavitud de la carne, al aliviar a los agobiados de su apabullante carga. Puede que nuestra economía tenga que sacrificar alguna ganancia, pero no nos quepa duda que nuestras cargas también serán aliviadas y nuestro trabajo se hará más ligero. Lo que parece imposible para el sabio, lo conoce la gente sencilla. Cuando descansamos en Cristo, y nos deshacemos de la carga de nuestras preocupaciones por las “cosas”, podemos regocijarnos junto a todos los pueblos por la venida de nuestro manso y humilde Señor, quien le trae un descanso santo a este mundo ansioso y materialista.

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.

VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY—El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Atlantic City el día Sábado 23 de Julio 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.

Muchas Gracias Monseñor Bracken

De parte de todos los feligreses y el personal de la Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis queremos agradecerle todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra parroquia. En estos 10 meses que estuvo aquí, hemos visto un cambio positivo. Todos sabemos que no hubiéramos podido hacerlo sin usted. El camino no ha sido fácil, pero al final fue el mejor camino para nuestra parroquia.

Quiero que sepa que siempre estará en nuestras oraciones, y le deseamos lo mejor en su nueva asignación. Vamos a extrañar muchos sus homilías. No se olvide de nosotros y sepa que siempre será bienvenido aquí en Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis.

Bienvenido a Casa Padre Fulgencio

Estamos muy contentos de tenerlo de regreso a casa. Le damos la bienvenida con los brazos abiertos y le damos las gracias al Obispo DiMarzio por haberlo enviado de nuevo a nosotros. Todos aquí en Santa María y Santa Gertrudis los extrañábamos mucho y estamos muy contentos de que esté con nosotros de nuevo.

Nuestra familia de Santa María y Santa Gertrudis está verdaderamente bendecida de tenerlo como nuestro administrador. Le prometemos seguir trabajando para mantener a nuestra parroquia activa y vibrante.

Resumen semanal de la Campaña Anual Católica

¡¡Para el 24 de junio de 2011 habíamos alcanzado la meta de \$51,498.62!!! Gracias a ustedes vamos muy bien.

Estamos seguros que alcanzaremos la meta de los \$100,000.00 muy pronto. El Obispo DiMarzio le da las gracias a todos por ayudarnos a alcanzar la meta diocesana de los \$44,489.00. Recuerde que todo el dinero recaudado sobre la meta será devuelto a nuestra parroquia.

Desde el informe del pasado fin de semana, 3 feligreses más hicieron sus promesas, sumando un total de 229 promesas. ¡Podemos hacer mucho más! Por favor corra la voz a sus familiares y amigos que pertenecen a nuestra parroquia para que participen. Con 71 nuevas promesas podremos llegar a la mitad de los 600 feligreses que todavía no han hecho su promesa. Imagínese pronto podremos llegar a un 50% de los feligreses. Sería un gran logro para nuestra parroquia poder llegar a un 50% para el final del verano.

Hagamos todos un esfuerzo por alcanzar nuestra meta 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 - 718 327-1133, ext. 16.