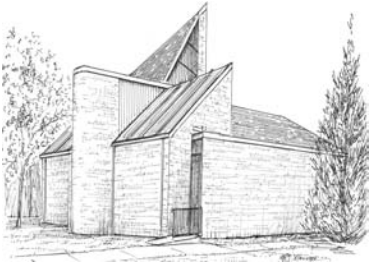


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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Deacon Michael C. Moss
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero
Deacon Rene Hernandez

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16
Mrs. Carmen Montero, Ext. 10

IN RESIDENCE:

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
Rev. Fredrick Anawonah, Ext. 17

WEEKEND ASSISTANT:

Rev. Edward Smith

TRUSTEES:

Lillian Virginia Roundtree
Miguel Jimenez

PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25
Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, 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

SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER

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 (Spanish), 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 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)
Patsy George—Thanksgiving
Por los Legionarios enfermos
- 11:30 am – Por los sacerdotes de la parroquia
Monseñor Cordero (40 aniv.)
Norma Garcia (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Marcelino Domingo (dec)
Nkoli Okocha

Monday, July 11—St. Benedict

- 8:00 am – Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Ronald Marcos II (Birthday)

Tuesday, July 12

- 8:00 am – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 12:10 pm – For the sick and homebound

Wednesday, July 13—St. Henry

- 8:00 am – Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Angelica Phillips (dec)

Thursday, July 14—Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

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

Friday, July 15—St. Benaventure

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 7:30 pm – Fredy Eduardo Lopez (dec)
Blanca Reinoso (dec)
Oscar & Thelma Perez (15 aniv. de bodas)

Saturday, July 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 12:10 pm – For the children of the parish
- 5:00 pm – Angela A. Lake—Thanksgiving
- 7:30 pm – En Honor a la Virgen del Carmen

Sunday, July 17—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Flora Jarvis (birthday)
Angela A. Lake—Thanksgiving
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Daisey Barrios (dec)
- 11:30 am – Jesus Melgar Serrano (dec)
Camilo Acosta (dec)
Oscar & Thelma Perez (15 aniv. de bodas)
Diacono Rene Hernandez (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
June Kenny (dec)
Nkoli Okocha

Pray For Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, Nubia Melgar, Mauricio Garcia, Frank Bulger, Janise Joseph, Jose Romero Sr. and our 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 7-2, & 7-3 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Air Conditioning	Total Collection
5:00 PM	57	31	\$548.00	19	\$208.50	\$756.50
7:30 PM	162	20	\$478.96	17	\$202.00	\$680.96
8:15 AM	196	56	\$1,275.55	38	\$316.00	\$1,591.55
9:45 AM	107	40	\$472.00	21	\$193.00	\$665.00
11:30 AM	370	103	\$1,338.88	77	\$416.82	\$1,755.70
1:15 PM	120	41	\$813.07	15	\$170.50	\$983.57
Totals	1012	291	\$4,926.46	187	\$1,506.82	\$6,433.28

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$4047.17

(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** * Is 55:10-11 * Ps 65:10-14 * Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- Mon** * Ex 1:8-14, 22 * Ps 124:1-8 * Mt 10:34-11:1
- Tues** * Ex 2:1-15a * Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 * Mt 11:20-24
- Wed** * Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 * Ps 103:1-4, 6-7 * Mt 11:25-27
- Thurs** * Ex 3:13-20 * Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 * Mt 11:28-30
- Fri** * Ex 11:10-12:14 * Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 * Mt 12:1-8
- Sat** * Ex 12:37-42 * Ps 136:1, 10-15, 23-24 * Mt 12:14-21

Please visit the new parish web!

Please check out the St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude new website to learn more about our parish family and our work for the *New Evangelization!*

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WORD SHALL DO MY WILL

The word of God is caught up in metaphors and parables. The image of seed that falls on different kinds of ground helps us understand how to listen creatively.

Jesus, the Word, bears fruit in all of creation, but best in our lives and hearts. When you hear this parable of the sower and the seed, do you wonder which you are? Sometimes it seems that we are one, and sometimes another. Like all metaphors, this parable must be understood intuitively, "with the heart," in order for it to work God's healing grace in us.

Jesus is careful to say that we see with our eyes and hear with our ears, but we understand, not with our head, but with our *heart*.

CREATION AWAITS

It is easy to get discouraged. It is easy to be distracted by difficulties and duties in our daily lives. It is possible for the word to be snatched away, even as we struggle to understand. Distractions of every kind prevent the word from being heard. But Isaiah and Paul underline the important point that the word of God is effective in all of creation, including us. Just as the rain waters the earth and will not return to the heavens until it does its intended work, the earth yields its rich harvest and rejoices. Our sufferings, distractions, and wearying work will not prevent us from hearing the word of God and doing God's work if we see with our eyes the beauty of creation, hear with our ears the music of the universe, and understand with our heart that God has made all of this to help us. God heals every ill, calls us back from distraction, protects us from evil, and gives us the grace to hear the word with joy.

It is God's grace that prepares the ground for the seed, watering it, breaking up the clods, making even untilled ground fruitful. When we understand with our heart that this is God's work in us, then even without understanding with our head, we can receive the word of God with the same joyful song of creation in bloom.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that I return to Far Rockaway as your new administrator and servant of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Parish. I beg you to keep me in your prayers so that I will always be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Together in the power and unity of the Holy Spirit, we will continue the good works that St. Mary and St. Gertrude has done for the last 150 years. May God continue to bless you and your family.

In Christ,
Fr. Fulgencio

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Es con gran alegría que regreso a Far Rockaway como su nuevo administrador y servidor de la Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis. Les ruego que por favor me recuerden en sus oraciones para que me deje guiar por el Espíritu Santo. Unidos en el poder y la unidad del Espíritu Santo continuaremos los buenos trabajos que Santa María y Santa Gertrudis ha hecho durante los últimos 150 años. Que Dios continúe bendiciendo a todos ustedes y a sus familias.

En Cristo,
Padre Fulgencio

The Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude's 2011 Walkathon

Our parish is hosting its 2nd walkathon on **Saturday, September 24, 2011.** The walk will take place on the Rockaway boardwalk.

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to participate. Join your fellow parishioners, family and friends for a fun day on the boardwalk.

This is a major fundraiser for our parish. You raise funds by asking your family, friends, employer, co-workers, fellow students and the businesses who you purchase goods and services from to sponsor you. It's an easy as 1-2-3! So come and join us for a wonderful day of fun, while raising money for our beloved parish. There will also be special prizes for the top fundraisers.

We are looking for walkers and volunteers to assist in this event.

Registration forms may be found in the lobbies of both St. Mary and St. Gertrude churches. You may also download the form from our website at **www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org**, or you may contact Joanne Murray on 718 327-1133, ext.16, or Susan Singh Smith on 718 327-1133, ext. 25 to register and to get more information.

Walkathon committee members will be approaching you to ask you to participate in the walkathon as a walker or volunteer. Please consider joining with us.

Please Support Our Beloved Parish!!!



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.

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 30, 2011, our pledges total \$51,733.62. We're getting there!!!!



Since last weekend's report 2 additional parishioners

have made their pledges, bringing our total to 231 pledges. If you have not yet made your pledge, please take this time to do so. With just 69 new pledges, we will reach the half-way mark of our 600 parishioners. Summer is usual slow, but I know that you are all working to help us reach our goal. I am still confident that we will reach the half-way mark of 300 donors, which is the half-way mark, by the end of the summer! Let's go team!!!!

Please make every effort to make your personal pledge. Our parish can use all the help it can get.

Thanks you for your continued support and generosity of our Annual Catholic Appeal.

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

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

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6433.28
Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4047.17

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!

RETIRO DE SANACION—Santa María y Santa Gertrudis les invita a un retiro de sanación "**Jesús sana a través de la Eucaristía**" el Domingo 10 de Julio en el auditorio de la escuela de 2:00 pm a 8:00 pm. Con la participación del Dr. Ricardo Castañón de Bolivia, el Padre David Trejo de Panamá y el Padre Fulgencio Gutierrez de nuestra parroquia. Donación \$10. Todos son bienvenidos.

VIAJE AL SANTUARIO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA - Vengan todos a compartir un día al aire libre en el Santuario de la Divina Misericordia el Sabado 20 de Agosto del 2011. Salida: 6:00 A.M. Boletos: \$50.00. Para mas informacion favor de comunicarse con Concepcion al 718-440-1328 o con los miembros de Maria o la rectoria al 718-327-1133.



Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LA PALABRA HARÁ MI VOLUNTAD

La palabra de Dios está envuelta en metáforas y parábolas. La imagen de la semilla que cae en distintos tipos de tierra nos ayuda a comprender cómo escuchar de forma creativa.

Jesús, la Palabra, da frutos en toda la creación, pero sobre todo en nuestra vida y en nuestro corazón. Cuando oyes la parábola del sembrador y la semilla, ¿te preguntas cuál de los terrenos eres tú? A veces parece que somos uno, y a veces otro. Como sucede con todas las metáforas, esta parábola debe entenderse de manera intuitiva, "con el corazón," para que la gracia sanadora de Dios obre en nosotros.

Jesús dice claramente que vemos con los ojos y oímos con los oídos, pero no comprendemos con la cabeza, sino con el *corazón*.

LA CREACIÓN ESPERA

Es fácil desalentarse. Es fácil distraerse con las dificultades y las obligaciones de nuestra vida diaria. Es posible que la palabra sea arrebatada de nosotros, aún cuando luchamos por comprender. Las distracciones de diversos tipos impiden que se escuche la palabra. Pero Isaías y Pablo subrayan que la palabra de Dios es eficaz en toda la creación, incluso en nosotros. Así como la lluvia empapa la tierra y no vuelve al cielo hasta cumplir con su misión, la tierra produce su rica cosecha y se regocija. Nuestro sufrimiento, la distracción, y el trabajo agotador no impide que oigamos la palabra de Dios y realicemos la obra de Dios si vemos con nuestros ojos la belleza de la creación, oímos con nuestros oídos la música del universo, y comprendemos con nuestro corazón que Dios ha creado todo esto para ayudarnos. Dios cura todo malestar, nos saca de la distracción, nos protege del mal y nos da la gracia para escuchar la palabra con alegría.

Es la gracia de Dios la que prepara la tierra para la semilla, empapándola, rompiendo los terrones, haciendo que aun la tierra no arada dé frutos. Cuando comprendemos con el corazón que esto es la obra de Dios en nosotros, aunque no comprendamos con la cabeza, podemos recibir la palabra de Dios con la misma alegre canción de la creación que está en flor.

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.

Caminata 2011 de Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis

Nuestra parroquia llevara a cabo una caminata el sábado, 24 de septiembre de 2011 por la playa de Rockaway.

Todos, sin importar la edad, podrán participar. Únase a todos nuestros feligreses, familiares y amigos para este día de diversión por toda la playa de Rockaway.

Este es un recaudador de fondos muy importante para nuestra parroquia. Una manera que usted puede recaudar fondos es pidiéndole a sus familiares, amigos, compañeros de trabajos, compañeros de escuela, o negocios locales que los patrocine. ¡Es muy fácil! Venga y únase a nosotros durante este maravilloso día de diversión, mientras recaudamos fondos para nuestra querida parroquia. También tendremos premios especiales para aquellos que puedan recaudar la mayor parte de fondos.

Necesitamos voluntarios y caminantes Para la Caminata.

En el vestíbulo de Santa María y Santa Gertrudis podrá encontrar las formas para registrarse. También podrá obtener una copia en la pagina Web www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org, o puede ponerse en contacto con Joanne Murray al 718 327-1133, ext.16, o con Susan Singh Smith al 718 327-1133, ext. 25 para más información.

Los miembros de comité de la Caminata se acercarán a usted para pedirles que participen ya sea como voluntario o caminante. Por favor únase a nosotros este día.

¡¡Por favor Apoye a Nuestra Querida Parroquia!!!

Resumen semanal de la Campaña Anual Católica

¡¡Para el 30 de junio de 2011 habíamos alcanzado la meta de \$51,733.62. Ya estamos llegando!!!

Desde el informe del pasado fin de semana, 2 feligreses más hicieron sus promesas, sumando un total de 231 promesas. Si usted todavía no ha hecho su promesa, por favor trate de hacerla lo mas pronto posible Con 69 nuevas promesas podremos llegar a la mitad de los 600 feligreses que todavía no han hecho su promesa. Durante el verano la campaña esta un poco lenta, pero sabemos que ustedes están trabajando para ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta. Confiamos que llegaremos a los 300 donantes, a la mitad, para el final del verano.

Muchas gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad a nuestra campaña.

Hagamos todos un esfuerzo por alcanzar nuestra meta personal. En el vestíbulo encontrara la forma para hacer su promesa. También puede ponerse en contacto con la rectoría - 718 327-1133, ext. 16.

No se olvide que todo el dinero recaudado sobre los \$44,489.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia.