

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'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: Every Monday after
the 12:10 Mass

**EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED
SACRAMENT:** First Sundays 2:00 - 3:00 PM and First
Fridays 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Maria Beyra, Director, 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

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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 their child. A 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

Rosary Society: 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 Mass

Legion of Mary: Spanish: Mon. 7:00 PM - Rectory

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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.

Charismatic Youth Prayer Group: Thursday 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Group in English every Tuesday 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 10

- 12:10 pm – John Rivara (dec)
- 5:00 pm – Polichak Family, Touchey Family
Sullivan Family, Robert Gallaher
Eddie McNelis, Donahue Family
Gracy Family, Corleen Mastone
Arthur Pearsall, Seaman Family
Mary McKeon
- 7:30 pm – Misa por la Comunidad
En honor de la Virgen del Carmen

Sunday, July 11—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Matthew Clomb
- 9:45 am – In memory of Fr. Brendan Downing (dec)
Luis Maria de Montfort—Acción de Gracias
- 11:30 am – Jesus Melgar Serrano (dec)
Camilo Acosta (dec), Jose R. Ortiz (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Margaret Brandow (dec)

Monday, July 12

- 8:00 am – James Buckley (healing)
- 12:10 pm – Richard Douglas (dec)

Tuesday, July 13—St. Henry

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – James Buckley (healing)

Wednesday, July 14—Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Thursday, July 15—St. Bonaventure

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude)—Montero Family (healing)
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Friday, July 16—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 12:10 pm – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel—Thanksgiving
Angela Lake (Birthday)
- 7:30 pm – Blanca Reinoso (dec)

Saturday, July 17

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Mass for the People
- 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Sunday, July 18—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Flora Jarvis (90th birthday)
- 9:45 am – Daizy Barrios (dec), Elizabeth Paulino (dec)
- 11:30 am – Misa disponible
- 1:15 pm – Veronica Finn (dec)
Carmelita P. Brazzier (Birthday)

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Dt 30:10-14 *Ps 69:14,17, 30-31,33-34,36,37 * Lk 10:25-37
- Mon** * Is 1:10-17 * Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 * Mt 10:34-11:1
- Tues** * Is 7:1-9 * Ps 48:2-8 * Mt 11:20-24
- Wed** * Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 * Ps 94:5-10, 14-15 * Mt 11:25-27
- Thurs** * Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 * Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21 * Mt 11:28-30
- Fri** * Is 38:1-8, 21-22 * Is 38:10-12, 16 * Mt 12:1-8
- Sat** * Mi 2:1-5 * Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 * Mt 12:14-21

**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 7-4 & 7-5 2010

| Mass Time | # of Attendees | # of Env | 1st Collection | # of Env | All Saints | Total Collection |
|---------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5:00 PM | 71 | 29 | \$620.00 | 14 | \$153.25 | \$773.25 |
| 7:30 PM | 183 | 41 | \$560.50 | 28 | \$202.30 | \$762.80 |
| 8:15 AM | 186 | 64 | \$859.00 | 38 | \$236.40 | \$1,095.40 |
| 9:45 AM | 153 | 44 | \$582.96 | 24 | \$232.05 | \$815.01 |
| 11:30 AM | 345 | 86 | \$787.27 | 52 | \$344.48 | \$1,131.75 |
| 1:15PM | 153 | 34 | \$637.44 | 20 | \$202.61 | \$840.05 |
| Other | - | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Totals | 1091 | 298 | \$4,047.17 | 176 | \$1,371.09 | \$5,418.26 |

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$4896.28

(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 –

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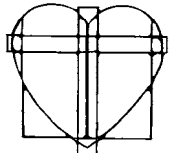
Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Bishop Joseph Sullivan, Bishop Rene Valero, Rev. Ezra Naughton, Maria Patricia Montero, Robert Cunningham, Zoila Yopez, Pedro Bonilla, Levonne Williams, Beverly Smith, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Linda Doyle, Barbara King, Donna Mohammed, Beulah Harris, Santos Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Simone Boyer, Emmanuel Julien, Annabel Davis, Wiloby Snips, Luis Santiago, Lilliana Santiago, Zoraida Melendez, Jennifer Richards and the Faithful Departed.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.

The sanctuary candle is given in in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.

The flowers are given in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*Live the Law
of Love*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Summer! This weekend our parish remembers and celebrates the 3rd Anniversary of death of our beloved former pastor, Father Brendan Downing. Father Austin will celebrate a special Mass at 9:45 A.M. in English at St. Gertrude's. It is hard to believe that these three years have gone by so quickly. I would like to think that Father Brendan is smiling down from heaven on all of us and is very proud of all that we have accomplished. He always wanted us to work together and that has happened in a beautiful way. As we celebrate his memory this weekend let us ask the Lord to help us be more like him that we may continue to work together in building up this great parish.

As we move into the summer I remind you once again about how important it is for each and every member of our parish family to try and participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal. The ACA is our most important parish fundraiser. It is my hope that every family would try and make some sort of pledge to help us reach our goal. Have you made your pledge yet? Your pledge signifies that you understand and support the work of our church. Only you can decide what you are able to give. The key to the success of the ACA is not the amount given, but rather the number of parishioners who participate. We need your help. Please consider taking home a pledge form from the back of church today in order to help us reach our goal.

Each year the Diocese of Brooklyn offers assistance to needy families so that their children might be able to attend Catholic School. This year we will also receive some special incentives to help parents whose children currently attend public school to switch to St. Mary Star of the Sea School. If you would like to learn more about these scholarship opportunities please contact St. Mary Star of the Sea School. The address and phone number of the school can be found on the cover of this bulletin.

Registration has begun for our Religious Education Classes for 2010/2011. All children in kindergarten – 8th grade should be registered for religious education classes EVERY year as part of their ongoing faith formation. Please stop by the rectory during the week to register your children. Religious Education classes will begin at the end of September.

This weekend we are very happy to welcome back to our parish Father Lew Maynard. Father Lew will be with us for the two evening Masses on Saturday while I am on vacation. Father Lew will celebrate the 7:30 P.M. Spanish Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patroness of Chile. All are welcome to join in this special celebration. We are also happy to welcome back to our parish Father Cletus who will be here for two months so that Father Yvon and I can go on vacation. Father Yvon will leave this week for one month and then I will continue my vacation from August 15th till September 1st. My last day as your pastor will be on Labor Day. On that day I will

celebrate the 9:00 A.M. Mass here and then begin my new assignment at Holy Name in Brooklyn. A special Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell has been planned for Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. That is the day that we normally celebrate as our parish feast day. I can think of no better day to give thanks to God for all of you and all that you have meant to me over these last almost 9 years. I hope that you will be able to join me that evening in prayer and thanksgiving.

With Love in Christ,
Father Jim

A NOTE FROM DEACON TONY...

Dear brothers and sisters,

Almost 3 weeks ago all of you gave Taty and me an expression of love and generosity at the thanksgiving mass offered by Fr. Jim on the occasion of my departure to the Dominican Republic. Many things had happened since, 2 Sunday masses that I have been in and trust me, there is not a community of faith as of St Mary Star of the Sea. My service as a deacon is different here than over there, over here his eminence Cardinal Lopez Rodriguez assign deacons to the parish that needs one, no to the neighborhood parish, a challenge to me that ask for you to keep praying for Taty and for me as I'm about to begin my ministerial work. All this has been like a rollercoaster ride, ups and downs, being with my parents close by is a blessing, being so far from you bring tear to my eyes, especially on Sundays when I miss the many faces of St. Mary star of the sea. My new address is: Ave. Mexico, Edif. 33, C, apt. #309. My phone # is 1-809-371-4660 and my e-mail address is: Riosoco1952@yahoo.com. If for any reason you need to talk to me or if you ever come to Dom. Rep. , please come and visit us, we will be honor to receive you. Please keep praying for me as we pray for you and thanks for all you did for us. May the Almighty God bless you all!

Deacon Tony

**Altar Servers Sponsorship Program**

Our Altar Servers need your help! Please consider making a donation so that we can take our faithful Altar Servers on a trip this summer and so that we can purchase new albs for them to wear during Mass. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and may be dropped in a collection basket, given to an usher or returned to the rectory. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

**Would you like to be an Altar Server?**

There will be a meeting for all of those interested in becoming Altar Servers on **Wednesday, June 30th at 7pm at Saint Mary's**. All Are Welcome!
Fourth Grade and up!



DISCERNING THE CALL

Here are some steps recommended by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations for men discerning a priestly vocation.

Daily Mass: One who is discerning is encouraged to participate in the daily celebration of Mass.

Confession: The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is the way in which a man attempts to live a holy life.

Adoration: This is a powerful way to grow in love with the Eucharistic Lord and to grow in the spiritual life.

Daily Prayers: This is the time set aside for God alone, usually in a quiet place at a specific time each day.

Spiritual Direction: Speaking with a priest or qualified individual trained in direction about one's prayer life and seeking advice from this person on a regular basis is very helpful as one discerns a vocation to the priesthood.

Discernment programs: Attending a weekend retreat at a seminary, vocation evenings or joining a discussion group of other young men discerning a vocation is invaluable in helping one to come to greater clarity about God's call.

Devotion to the Blessed Mother: Praying the Rosary daily and seeking the powerful intercession of the Blessed Mother is especially recommended in the discernment process.

Service to others: Teaching religious education, taking Holy Communion to the sick, working with the young of a parish, etc., are ways to give one a taste of "ministry and service."

Vocations director: Talk to one in order to obtain information about seminary and priestly life.



VOCATIONS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

St. John's Hospital - Blood Pressure Screenings 11:00 AM at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church on the following Sundays:
 July 25, 2010
 August 22, 2010
 September 19, 2010

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Parish Memorials

Thank you to all those parishioners who have made memorial donations towards some of the liturgical items needs for Mass and the celebration of the other sacraments. The following items are still available and can be donated to our parish in memory or in Thanksgiving. These items include:

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| Baptism Towels (8) | \$25.00 each |
| Cruets (4) | \$99.00 each |
| Cruets (6) | \$79.00 each |
| Vestments | \$550.00 each |
| White, Red, Purple, Green | |
| Monstrance Case | \$250.00 |
| Outside Benches (2) | \$1600.00 each |

There is also a larger memorial available. At St. Gertrude's Church we are in the process of restoring one of our old tabernacles to be used in the main body of the church there. The cost of restoration of this sacred tabernacle is a wonderful memorial for someone to give in memory of a departed loved one. If you would like to memorialize this tabernacle please let me know. The cost is \$3400.00.

Please help us in sponsoring our altar server trip this summer. We would like to take the children that serve at Mass each weekend and the members of the children's choir to the new Luna Park in Coney Island followed by supper at Nathan's Famous! Donation envelopes are available at each church. Please consider making a small gift as we reward the generous young people of our parish who serve God through the ministries of our parish!



FAMILY DAY PICNIC

At Woodmere Park—July 24th
 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Transportation will be provided
 \$10.00 per family

Come join us for a day of fun and games!

For information, please call 718-327-1133 ext. 25.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5,418.26

Primera Colecta el Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4896.28

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!

VIAJE A DORNEY PARK – Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a un viaje a Dorney Park el sábado 17 de julio del 2010. 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.

DEL ESCRITORIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

¡Feliz Verano! Este fin de semana nuestra parroquia recuerda y celebra el tercer aniversario de la muerte de nuestro antiguo párroco, nuestro querido, Padre Brendan Downing. El Padre Austin celebrará una misa especial a las 9:45 A.M en inglés en Santa Gertrudis. Es difícil creer que ya han pasado tres años de su muerte. Me gustaría pensar que el Padre Brendan nos esta sonriendo desde el cielo y que está muy orgulloso de todo lo que hemos hecho en nuestra parroquia. Él siempre deseaba que todos trabajáramos unidos y de una hermosa manera así ha sido. Mientras celebramos su memoria este fin de semana, oremos para que el Señor nos ayude a ser como él, para que podamos seguir trabajando unidos por el bienestar de esta gran parroquia.

Mientras disfrutamos el verano, una vez más quiero recordarles lo importante que es para nuestra parroquia que todos hagamos un intento por participar en la Campaña Anual Católica. Esta campaña es el recaudador de fondos más importante de nuestra parroquia. Espero que cada familia trate de hacer una promesa para ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestro objetivo. ¿Todavía no ha hecho usted su promesa? Su promesa significa que usted entiende y apoya el trabajo de nuestra iglesia. Usted decide lo que puede prometer. La llave al éxito de la Campaña no es la cantidad, sino el número de personas que participen. Necesitamos su ayuda. Por favor trate de llevar a casa la forma para la promesa hoy para ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestro objetivo.

Cada año la Diócesis de Brooklyn ofrece ayuda a familias necesitadas para que sus niños puedan asistir a una Escuela Católica. Este año también recibiremos algunos incentivos especiales para ayudar a padres cuyos niños actualmente asisten a la escuela pública para que se matriculen en la Escuela Santa María. Si usted desea obtener más información sobre estas oportunidades de beca por favor póngase en contacto con la Escuela Santa María. En el boletín podrá encontrar la dirección y el número de teléfono de la escuela.

La inscripción para las Clases del Programa de Educación Religiosa para el 2010/2011 han comenzado. Todos los niños desde kindergarten hasta el octavo grado deben ser matriculados para las clases de educación religiosas cada año como parte del proceso de formación de fe. Por favor pase por la rectoría durante la semana para inscribir a sus niños. Las clases de educación religiosas comenzarán a finales de Septiembre.

Este fin de semana estamos muy contentos en darle la bienvenida al Padre Lew Maynard de regreso a nuestra parroquia. El padre Lew estará con nosotros para ayudarnos con las dos misas de la tarde el Sábado mientras estoy de vacaciones. El padre Lew celebrará la misa hispana de las

7:30 en honor a Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Patrona de Chile. Todos son bienvenidos a participar en esta celebración especial. También estamos muy contentos en darle la bienvenida de regreso a nuestra parroquia al Padre Cletus que estará aquí durante dos meses para que Padre Yvon y yo podamos tomar nuestras vacaciones. Esta semana el Padre Yvon saldrá de vacaciones por un mes y luego yo seguiré mis vacaciones desde el 15 de Agosto al 1ro de Septiembre. Mi último día como su párroco será Día del Trabajo. Este día yo celebraré la misa de las 9:00 de la mañana y luego comenzare mi nueva asignación en la Parroquia del Santo Nombre en Brooklyn. Hemos planeado celebrar una misa especial de Acción de Gracias y despedida el Miércoles, 8 de Septiembre del 2010 a las 6:30 P.M. Este es el día que normalmente celebramos la Festividad de nuestra parroquia. No puedo pensar en un mejor día para darle las gracias a Dios por todos ustedes y todo lo que ustedes han sido para mí durante estos últimos 9 años. Espero que todos puedan unirse a mí para esa tarde en oración y acción de gracias.

Con Amor en Cristo,
Padre Jim

UNA NOTA DEL DIACONO TONY...

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Hace casi 3 semanas ustedes me dieron una demostración de su amor y generosidad, asistiendo masivamente a una misa de acción de gracias, ofrecida por nuestro pastor el querido Padre Jim. 3 semanas han pasado, 2 misas que he asistido aquí en Santo Domingo y todavía siento y creo que no hay mejor comunidad que la de Santa María Estrella del Mar! Gracias de parte mía, de Taty por su amor y comprensión. Aquí las cosas son un poco diferente en el aspecto religioso, los diáconos son asignados por el arzobispo no a la iglesia del "barrio" y, sino a la iglesia que su eminencia, el Cardenal Lopez Rodriguez considere que nuestros servicios sean necesitados, algo diferente y tengo que adaptarme, necesito que sigan orando por mi y por Taty, como siempre lo han hecho porque los cambios traen retos, y estos se vencen con la oración. Todo esto ha sido como una montaña rusa, momentos de alegría, al tener mis padres cerca, momentos de tristeza, cuando voy a la iglesia y pienso en ustedes. Siempre los tengo en oración, pidiéndole al altísimo que los bendiga. Mi nueva dirección es Ave Mexico, Edif. 33, bloque C apt. #309. Mi teléfono es 1-809-371-4660. Mi dirección en el internet: Riosoco1952@yahoo.com. Cuando gusten, quieran, me pueden llamar o escribir y con el mismo gusto de siempre hablaremos y les daré consejos como siempre y si visitan la Rep. Dom. entonces me pueden visitar. De nuevo y desde aquí, mi bendición diaconal, con el mismo cariño de siempre.

Diacono Tony

