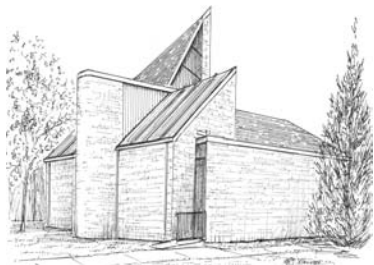


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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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 (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 30—St. Peter Chrysologus*

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
 5:00 pm – Vocations
 7:30 pm – Vocaciones

Sunday, July 31-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Sylvia Moss (Birthday)
 Gabriel, Herson & Waldman Rivera
 9:45 am –(St. Gertrude) Jorge Pacheco (dec)
 Lillie Mae Coaxum Jones (dec)
 11:30 am – Hernan Rua (dec)
 Michelle Martinez (birthday)
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
 Margaret Benliner (healing)

Monday, August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori

- 8:00 am – Vocations
 12:10 pm – Paula Segura (dec)

Tuesday, August 2—St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard

- 8:00 am – For those serving in the Armed Forces
 12:10 pm – John & Mary Waldron (dec)
 Seberina Polanco (dec)

Wednesday, August 3

- 8:00 am – Vocations
 12:10 pm – Mary Redican (dec)
 Daphne Riley—Thanksgiving

Thursday, August 4—St. John Mary Vianney

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Married Couples
 12:10 pm – Harry Perissi (dec)

Friday, August 5

- 12:10 pm – For the children of the Parish
 7:30 pm – Luis Chavez (dec)
 Norma Garcia (dec)
 Yolanda Garcia (dec)

Saturday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
 Luz Torres (dec)
 7:30 pm – Misa en honor del Salvador del Mundo
 Carmen Carcamo (cumpleaños)

Sunday, August 7-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Stacy Canale (dec)
 11:30 am – Por los niños de la Parroquia
 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Pray For Loretta William, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Frank Marin, Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, Mauricio Garcia, 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 7-30, & 7-24 2011

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Air Condition	Total Collection
5:00 PM	51	32	\$521.00	14	\$160.00	\$681.00
7:30 PM	350	59	\$709.00	25	\$322.00	\$1,031.00
8:15 AM	187	71	\$1,647.00	40	\$396.00	\$2,043.00
9:45 AM	177	58	\$840.00	29	\$276.00	\$1,116.00
11:30 AM	406	89	\$1,377.00	49	\$423.00	\$1,800.00
1:15 PM	167	36	\$659.00	13	\$153.00	\$812.00
Totals	1338	345	\$5,753.00	170	\$1,730.00	\$7,483.00

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year:
\$4750.76**

(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 55:1-3 * Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 * Mt 14:13-21

Mon * Nm 11:4-15 * Ps 81:12-17 * Mt 14:22-36

Tues * Nm 12:1-13 * Ps 51:3-7, 12-13 * Mt 14:22-36

Wed * Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35 * Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23 * Mt 15:21-28

Thurs * Nm 20:1-13 * Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 * Mt 16:13-23

Fri * Dt 4:32-40 * Ps 77:12-16, 21 * Mt 16:24-28

Sat * Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 * Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 * Mt 17:1-9

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!).



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LISTEN HEEDFULLY

The invitation to come and satisfy our hunger and thirst in Christ offers a great comfort to us who sometimes ache with longing for God or feel emptiness when we want to feel full of God's love. This longing is God's gift and call to us to withdraw from all the noise and racket of our lives and our world and pay attention to the quiet voice of God within us. How do we respond to such a loving invitation? By paying attention, by stilling ourselves; not by struggling and striving to make some spiritual experience happen, but just by sitting still and listening for God's delicate promptings. Our desire for prayer, even if we feel our prayer to be too distracted and ineffective, is effective because the call is from God and our response is a willingness to hear and be fed by God's holy word to us.

ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED

Jesus fed the five thousand men, "not counting women and children" (Matthew 14:21). We can assume, since women were among his most faithful followers and they tend to bring their children with them everywhere, that the women and children outnumbered the men—a vast crowd indeed! Yet how were they fed with five loaves and two fish? Matthew notes that first, "[Jesus] said the blessing" (Matthew 14:19). He gave thanks to God for what was given: an act of thanksgiving that is always transformative. This act of praise and thanks transforms our bread into his body and blood, and conforms us to Christ for the life of the world. The desire for God is a gift that reflects God's desire for us. It doesn't matter if we feel that our prayer is ineffective, or if we are comforted or not by our images of God. God is working in us by the gift of that desire, and our will to respond is our consent to God's call. Come to the water; come to the feast!

Infant Baptism Registration

Next English Baptism is Saturday, August 27th at 1:00 P.M. You MUST register before attending the meeting. Mandatory meeting is Wednesday, August 24th at 7:30 in the rectory.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

A crowd gathers to hear Jesus, "about five thousand men, not counting women and children" (Matthew 14:21). Jesus' feeding of such a large gathering with only five small loaves and two fish is a true miracle. It is not a magic trick to impress or fool us. Jesus is using signs and symbols to get our attention. Signs and symbols play a vital role in all human culture, but they vary in meaning from place to place: a handshake, a bow, an embrace, or a hug can have many meanings. Jesus' feeding the crowd is a sign of his power and a symbol of the Eucharist we now share. But remember the phrase "not counting women and children." Who does "not count" among the crowd in the community of faith? How can we feed the hidden ones who are starving—for attention, a kind word, a helping hand? What can we do to make a difference?

Living Stewardship Now

People do not feel they belong unless they first feel welcome. Serve the "uncounted" ones in the parish by participating in a hospitality or welcoming ministry.

Trip to Six Flags (Great Adventure) – St. Mary will have a trip to Six Flags (Great Adventure) on Saturday, August 20, 2011. Departure time is at 7:30 A.M. The cost of the trip is \$65.00 that will cover the transportation and entrance to the park. For information, please contact Zoila Herrera at 516-633-6017 or Susan at 718-327-1133 ext. 25.



R.I.C.A.

A Journey of Faith

Have you or someone you know not yet received Holy Communion or Confirmation? Is there perhaps someone who has not been baptized or who wishes to join the Catholic Church? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a faith journey for adults who desire to be baptized, receive Holy Communion, Confirmation or to join the Catholic Church. The St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude Church community welcomes all. The Journey of Faith sessions will begin in September. Now is the best time to inquire. For more information call the rectory at 718-327-1133 ext. 10 and leave your name, phone number and the best time to call you.

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!!!



At St. Camillus Church, 180 Beach 100th St. Rockaway Beach, on Sunday, August 14, 2011 from 8:15 am to 2:15 pm. Anyone between the ages of 16 (16 year olds must have parental permission) and 70 can donate blood. Please bring I.D. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift. If you have questions or to schedule an appointment, please contact Father Richard 718-634-8229.

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY -

Professional therapy, provided by the New York State licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 115 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani has been conducted in the diocese for the past 36 years for the convenience of parishioners. Services are provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center 631-243-2503.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7,483.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4,750.76

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!



Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

ESCUCHA ATENTAMENTE

La invitación a venir y saciar nuestra hambre y sed en Cristo nos reconforta inmensamente, ya que a veces sufrimos por el anhelo de Dios o nos sentimos vacíos y queremos sentirnos llenos del amor de Dios. Este anhelo es el don de Dios y su llamada para que nos alejemos del ruido y del ajetreo de nuestra vida y de nuestro mundo y prestemos atención a la suave voz de Dios en nuestro interior. ¿Cómo respondemos a tan amable invitación? Prestando atención, aquietándonos; sin luchar ni afanarnos para hacer posible alguna experiencia espiritual, sino más bien quedándonos tranquilos para escuchar los delicados dictados de Dios. Nuestro deseo de oración, aun si sentimos que nuestro rezo es distraído e ineficaz, es eficaz porque el llamado viene de Dios, y nuestra respuesta es la voluntad de escuchar y ser alimentados por la palabra santa de Dios.

COMIERON TODOS HASTA SACIARSE

Jesús alimentó a cinco mil hombres, "sin contar a las mujeres y a los niños" (Mateo 14:21). Podemos suponer, debido a que las mujeres se contaban entre los más fieles discípulos del Señor y por lo general llevaban a sus hijos a todas partes con ellas, que las mujeres y los niños eran más en número que los hombres —sin duda una gran multitud! Entonces, ¿cómo fueron alimentados con cinco panes y dos pescados? Mateo señala que primero, "[Jesús] pronunció una bendición" (Mateo 14:19). Dio gracias a Dios por lo recibido, o sea, una acción de gracias, que es siempre transformadora. Esta alabanza y acción de gracias siempre transforman nuestro pan en su cuerpo y sangre, y nos reviste de Cristo para la vida del mundo. El anhelo de Dios es un don que refleja el anhelo que tiene Dios de nosotros. No importa si sentimos que nuestra oración es ineficaz, o si somos consolados o no con nuestras imágenes de Dios. Dios obra en nosotros por el don de ese anhelo y nuestra voluntad de responder es ya nuestro consentimiento a la llamada de Dios. ¡Acércate al agua, ven al banquete!

OCULTOS Y A SIMPLE VISTA

Una muchedumbre se congregó para escuchar a Jesús hablar y se nos dice que habían “eran unos cinco mil hombres, sin contar mujeres y niños” (Mateo 14:21). Darle de comer a esa cantidad tan grande de personas con sólo cinco panes y dos peces es un verdadero milagro de Jesús. No es un truco ni una magia para impresionarnos o engañarnos. Jesús utiliza signos y símbolos para llamar nuestra atención. Los signos y los símbolos juegan un papel vital en toda cultura humana, pero su significado varía según el lugar: dar la mano, una inclinación de cabeza o un abrazo pueden tener muchos y diferentes significados. Darle de comer a toda esa gente es un signo del poder de Jesús y un símbolo de la Eucaristía que ahora compartimos. Pero recordemos la frase de “sin contar a las mujeres y a los niños”. ¿Quiénes “no cuentan” en nuestra comunidad de fe? ¿Cómo podemos alimentar a aquellas personas que permanecen ocultas y que tienen hambre de atención, de una palabra cariñosa o de una mano amiga? ¿Qué podemos hacer para aliviar tales situaciones?

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

Las personas no se sienten como en familia a no ser que se les dé una buena acogida. Presta tus servicios en algún ministerio de hospitalidad en tu parroquia para asistir a los que “no cuentan”.

VIAJE AL SANTUARIO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA -

Vengan todos a compartir un día al aire libre en el Santuario de la Divina Misericordia el Sábado 20 de Agosto del 2011. Salida: 6:00 A.M. Boletos: \$50.00. Para mas información favor de comunicarse con Concepción al 718-440-1328 o con los miembros de María o la rectoría al 718-327-1133.

PROCESIÓN—La Legión de María les invita a la Procesión que se llevará a cabo el día 14 de Agosto del 2011. La procesión será al terminar la Misa de las 11:30 A.M. Favor de acompañarnos con sus imágenes de la Virgen Patrona de sus países y si desean también con sus trajes típicos. Para mas información vean a Christina Bonilla, Haydee, Millie Delgado o cualquier miembro de la Legión de María.



Se invita a toda aquellas personas que no tienen sus sacramentos de iniciación, Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación que se registren para el proceso de RICA. El programa comenzara el 31 de Agosto. Tendremos registración el próximo fin de semana después de la Misa de las 7:30 P.M. del Sábado y la Misa de las 11:30 A.M. del Domingo. Para información adicional sobre el Programa de RICA, favor de comunicarse con Estebana al 347-306-1241.



Santo Matrimonio

La Parroquia Santa María quiere comenzar un programa para preparar parejas que no tienen el sacramento del Matrimonio y celebrar las bodas en grupo durante el mes de Febrero del 2012. Para mas información, favor de llamar a la parroquia al 718-327-1133 ext. 10.

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 los formularios para registrarse. También podrá obtener una copia en la pagina electronica 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!!!

Viaje a Six Flags (Great Adventure) – Santa María Estrella del Mar les invita a un viaje a Six Flags (Great Adventure) el sábado 20 de Agosto del 2011. Saldremos de Santa María a las 7:30 A.M. El costo es de \$65.00 que cubre la transpor-tación y la entrada al parque. Para información favor de comunicarse con Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017 o con Susan al 718-327-1133 ext. 25.

Inscripción para Bautismos De Infantes

El próximo bautismo en español es el 20 de Agosto a la 1:00 P.M. Se requiere tomar dos clases antes del bautismo que se llevaran a cabo el Martes 9 y 16 de Agosto a las 7:00 P.M. en la rectoría. Es necesario registrarse por lo menos dos semanas antes de venir a las clases.