

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



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Ms. Carla Ramos, Ext. 11
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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
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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 2:30 - 3:30 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
Phone: 327-2242 Fax: 327-0797

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

CENÁCULO SACERDOTAL: Rosario el 4to Domingo—11:00 A.M.
en Santa Gertrudis

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



Saturday, August 7—St. Sixtus II & St. Cajetan

- 12:10 pm – James Buckley (dec)
 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
 Rev. James Cunningham (birthday)
 7:30 pm – En honor al Salvador de Mundo
 Merle Paso Hoyos (dec)
 Juana De Jesus Rodriguez (dec)

Sunday, August 8—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – James Buckley (dec)
 Rev. James Cunningham (birthday)
 9:45 am – Maria Patria Montero (dec)
 William Miller (dec)
 Angelina Gonzalez (dec)
 11:30 am – Carmela de la Cruz (dec)
 Por los Sacerdotes
 Rolando Fajardo (dec)
 Gabriel Gonzalez (dec)
 Juan Santana (sanación)
 Paty Garcia (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm – Mass for the People
 All Souls in Purgatory

Monday, August 9—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

- 8:00 am – James Buckley (dec)
 12:10 pm – Lucy Anakhu (dec)
 7:30 pm – Maria Patria Montero (dec) - St. Gertrude

Tuesday, August 10—St. Lawrence

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

Wednesday, August 11—St. Claire

- 8:00 am – James Buckley (dec)
 12:10 pm – Annie McGroary (dec)

Thursday, August 12—St. Jane Frances de Chantal

- 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
 12:10 pm – Luisa Cannizzaro (dec)
 Maria Patria Montero (dec)

Friday, August 13 – St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus

- 12:10 pm – Mary Redican (dec)
 7:30 pm – James Buckley (dec)

Saturday, August 14—St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

- 12:10 pm – James Buckley (dec)
 5:00 pm – Maria Patria Montero (dec)
 7:30 pm – Gabriel Juan Sbruzzi (sanación)

Sunday, August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:15 am – Joseph Nweke (dec)
 9:45 am – Maria Patria Montero (dec)
 11:30 am – Julio Rene De La Cruz Morales (dec)
 1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)

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 7-31 & 8-1 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env	1st Collection	# of Env	Mission Coop	Total Collection
5:00 PM	75	38	\$607.51	13	\$128.70	\$736.21
7:30 PM	170	41	\$619.31	22	\$197.45	\$816.76
8:15 AM	175	70	\$1,057.11	44	\$253.19	\$1,310.30
9:45 AM	195	62	\$750.47	25	\$221.25	\$971.72
11:30 AM	280	104	\$1,303.14	51	\$311.77	\$1,614.91
1:15PM	172	39	\$737.45	17	\$200.71	\$938.16
ParishPay	-	-	\$247.50	0	\$0.00	\$247.50
Totals	1067	354	\$5,322.49	172	\$1,313.07	\$6,635.56

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5437.14

(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.**

PLEASE PRAY for Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Robert Cunningham, Angela Rivara, Zoila Yopez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Linda Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Beulah Harris, Santos Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Simone Boyer, Annabel Davis, Wiloby Snips, Zoraida Melendez, Yves Joseph, Luis y Lily Santiago and our faithful departed: John Mattison, Barbara King.

Weekday Readings

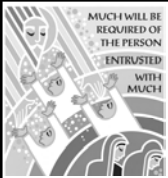
Sun * Wis 18:6-9 * Ps 33:1,12, 18-22 * Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Mon * Ez 1:2-5, 24-28 * Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 * Mt 17:22-27
Tues * 2 Cor 9:6-10 * Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 * Jn 12:24-26
Wed * Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 * Ps 113:1-6 * Mt 18:15-20
Thurs * Ez 12:1-12 * Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 * Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri * Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 * Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 * Mt 19:3-12
Sat * Ez 18:1-10, 13, 30-32 * Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 * Mt 19:13-15

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given in memory of **Maria Patria Montero.***

*The sanctuary candle is given in memory of **Maria Patria Montero.***

*The flowers are given in honor of **El Salvador del Mundo.***



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITHFUL AND HOPEFUL

The Letter to the Hebrews binds up beautifully the first two of the great triumvirate of Christian virtues: faith and hope. When what we hope for is realized, faith is born; in faith we have the evidence of what still remains unseen. Hebrews puts before us our ancestors in faith: Abraham and Sarah. It illustrates their lives of faith, their hopes realized so that faith might be born, their faith as witness to all that is yet intangible to us. It is the covenant made and kept in faith, with loving-kindness, that is our inheritance from them. Though they long ago passed over from this life to their life among the stars used to describe their descendants, that covenant lives on, given life anew in the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is to that covenant in Christ that we are each called again in the faith given to us in baptism; it is that covenant that brings forth and seals the vocation God has called us to live in joyful hope until we, too, reach our homeland in heaven with Abraham and Sarah.

FAITHFUL AND PRUDENT STEWARDS

Who doesn't need to fear the return of the master? The faithful and prudent steward, that's who. It is this steward who has taken what the master has given and has treated it—no matter what—as a great gift and treasure. Today we get the first glimmers of the words about the coming of Christ whom we await in joyful hope. These will increasingly characterize the Gospels for the next several months. Jesus gives us images of surrender that are characteristic of faithful disciples: he speaks of loins girt for exodus and lamps lit for the bridegroom's coming. He tells of the master returning to the household, eagerly anticipating what has transpired there in his absence; he forewarns that the master alone knows the time of his return. These teachings could strike fear into the hearts of those listening. Jesus concludes by saying: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). The vocation of the Christian disciple is to realize that whatever has been bestowed on us is "much" in the master's eyes. Disciples' vocations are lived faithfully and prudently, for they do not wait for the master's return in dread; they hope for it in joy.

Altar Server Schedule for August 14-15, 2010

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Bianca Romero, Bianca Salonga, Daniel Rosario, Zada Vera
 Sat. 7:30 PM – Michelle Martinez, Cynthia Contreras, Cindy Erroa, Adrian Guzman
 Sun. 8:15 AM – Michael Riley, Sebastian Rosas, Jacques & Katia Mathieu
 Sun. 11:30 AM – Andrea & Alejandra Zarate, Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez
 Sun. 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Vilmar, Henry & Stephan Jean Michel

Parish Farewell for Father Jim

As all of you know Father Jim will be leaving our parish on Labor Day, September 6, 2010 after serving 8 ½ years as our pastor. On Wednesday, September 8th, The Feast of St. Mary Star of the Sea, our parish will host a special Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell for Father Jim to thank him for his years of service to our parish and the Far Rockaway Community. We want to make this a special and joyful celebration in honor of our beloved pastor. In order for this to happen we need your help! If you would like to get involved in organizing and assisting at this celebration please leave your name and telephone number for Joanne Murray at (718) 327-1133 Ext. 16 or Carmen Montero at (718) 327-5673. We need representatives from all aspects of parish life. Please help us by getting involved.

C.A.R.E.S

CATECHISM AND ROSARY EVENING SERIES

For you and Your Families

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.

August 17th thru November 16, 2010

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church

1920 New Haven Avenue, Far Rockaway, 11691

To get the most out of these evenings, you will need a Bible, a Rosary and a Catechism of the Catholic Church.

If you do not have these items, please call

Deacon Mike—917-769-4496

CCD NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8 IS NOW GOING ON IN THE RECTORY. CLASSES START ON SEPT 25. YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR CHILD EVERY YEAR IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. PLEASE COME BY!

PILGRIMAGE—St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church will be participating in a Diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on Saturday, October 30, 2010. We are chartering a bus for the trip. The cost of the trip is \$55.00 per person. Please contact either rectory for information.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for." If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454.



Hello From Deacon Mike

- RCIA** • Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic?
- Do you know someone who wants to become a Roman Catholic?
 - Do you or someone you know need questions answered about being in FULL COMMUNION with the Catholic Church?
 - Have you been Baptized and made your First Communion, but you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Confirmation is VERY IMPORTANT!!!!
 - Will your children be receiving their Sacraments soon but you have not received all of yours yet?
 - Are you considering marriage?
 - Have you been away from the Catholic Church for years, but now you are interested in coming back to the Church?
 - Are there questions you need answered about the Catholic Faith?

If you have answered yes to anyone of these questions, we want you to feel comfortable knowing that we are here to help you. We have an excellent RCIA/RICA Program that will guide you through the process of full Initiation, and full Communion with the Catholic Church. Our facilitators are kind and loving, and welcoming. There is no need to worry. We look forward to meeting you and answering all your questions.

No need to hesitate...please call the Rectory **today** @ 1(718) 327-1133. Why wait? Be among those who will be invited to join us for our information sessions throughout the months of July and August. **Classes begin in September.** These classes are for ages 18 and above. Last year we had a lady and gentleman each in their sixties... and a lady in her seventies!!!! Together with the young adults, and gifted facilitators we all had a lot of wonderful experiences!!! And together, we all learned a lot about our Blessed Lord, ourselves, and the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Remember: You never journey alone! We are there with you and for you. Take that step...call us...you'll be glad you did... WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU SOOOOOON.

*Peace be with you,
Deacon Mike*

Trip to Dorney Park – St. Mary's will have a trip to Dorney Park on Saturday, August 14, 2010. 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 Puertorican committee invite you to a trip to Atlantic City Bally Casino on Saturday, September 4, 2010. Departure time is 7:30 A.M. from St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude. Cost for the trip is \$35. For more information please call Aida Rodriguez - 718-471-1912.

Trip to Divine Mercy Shrine in Massachusetts, on Saturday, August 21, 2010. A bus will be leaving St. Mary's at 6:30AM and tickets are available at \$40 per person. For more information please contact Concepcion Martinez at 718-868-0930.

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:

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

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!

St. John's University is offering free speech and hearing screenings for your child on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 from 9am to 3pm. Call now: St. John's Speech and Hearing Center, 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY—718-990-6480.

Monsignor John Brown and the members of the St. Francis de Sales Support Group invite anyone who has recently lost a loved one to join them for a Memorial Prayer Service on Saturday, August 28, 2010, at 11:00 A.M. in the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Francis de Sales Church, Beach 129th St. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshment will be served after.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6,635.56

Primera Colecta el Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5,437.14

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!

DONDE ESTÁ TU
TESORO ESTARÁ
TU CORAZÓN

Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LLENOS DE FE Y ESPERANZA

La carta a los Hebreos combina muy bien las dos primeras virtudes del gran triunvirato que componen las virtudes teologales cristianas, esto es, la fe y la esperanza. Cuando se cumple nuestra esperanza, nace la fe. Y en la fe tenemos la evidencia de lo que todavía no vemos. La carta a los Hebreos nos presenta a nuestros padres en la fe: Abraham y Sara. Nos muestra sus vidas de fe y cómo se cumplieron sus esperanzas para que naciera la fe. La fe de ellos es testimonio de todo lo que todavía es intangible para nosotros. La alianza establecida y cumplida por la fe, con amor y con compasión, es la herencia que ellos nos han dejado. Aunque hace siglos que ellos pasaron de esta vida a vivir entre las estrellas incontables que Dios usó para describir a sus descendientes, esa alianza sigue viva, porque es constantemente vivificada en la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Es a esa alianza en Cristo a la que cada uno de nosotros está constantemente siendo llamado por la fe que recibimos en nuestro bautismo. Esa alianza es la que produce y sella la vocación a la que Dios nos llama, para que la vivamos en alegre esperanza, hasta que nosotros también lleguemos con Abraham y Sara a la patria del cielo.

ADMINISTRADORES FIELES Y PRUDENTES

¿Quién no tiene que temer el regreso del Señor? El administrador fiel y prudente, pues éste ha tomado lo que el Señor le dio y, fuese lo que fuese, lo ha tratado como un gran tesoro. Hoy vemos los primeros vislumbres de las palabras sobre la venida de Cristo, a quién aguardamos con una esperanza alegre. Esas palabras aparecerán con énfasis creciente en los Evangelios de los próximos meses. Jesús nos presenta las imágenes de disposición y de abandono que caracterizan a sus discípulos fieles, y nos habla de tener la ropa ceñida para el éxodo, así como las lámparas encendidas para recibir al novio cuando llegue. Jesús nos habla del amo que regresa a su casa, imaginándose lo que habrá pasado en su ausencia, y nos pone sobre aviso que sólo el amo sabe la hora en que volverá. Esas enseñanzas pueden causar temor en los corazones que las escuchan. Jesús termina con las palabras: "A quien se le dio mucho, se le exigirá mucho" (Lucas 12:48). La vocación del discípulo cristiano es darse cuenta de que, no importa lo que se nos haya confiado, a los ojos del Señor todo es "mucho". Cada discípulo tiene que vivir su propia vocación con fidelidad y prudencia, porque no aguardamos el regreso del Señor con terror, sino con alegría y esperanza.

PEREGRINACIÓN—La Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis participará en una peregrinación Diocesana a la Basílica del Santuario de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington DC el sábado, 30 de octubre del 2010. Tendremos un autobús para este viaje. El costo del viaje es \$55.00 por persona. Por favor póngase en contacto con una o la otra rectoría para mas información.

Despedida Parroquial para el Padre Jim

Como muchos de ustedes saben el Padre Jim dejará nuestra parroquia en el Día del Trabajo, el 6 de septiembre del 2010 después de servir 8 años y medio como nuestro párroco. El miércoles, 8 de septiembre, el día de la Festividad de Santa María Estrella del Mar, nuestra parroquia celebrará una misa especial de Acción de Gracias y Despedida para el Padre Jim en agradecimiento por sus años de servicio a nuestra parroquia y a la Comunidad de Far Rockaway . Queremos que esta sea una celebración especial y alegre en honor a nuestro querido párroco. Y para que sea así necesitamos su ayuda ! Si usted desea ayudarnos a organizar esta celebración, por favor deje su nombre y número de teléfono con Joanne Murray (718) 327-1133 Ext. 16 o Carmen Montero (718) 327-5673. Necesitamos representantes de todos los grupos de la vida de la parroquia. Por favor ayúdenos.

Educación Religiosa

LA MATRICULA PARA LAS CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA SE ESTÁN LLEVANDO A CABO EN LA RECTORIA PARA LOS NIÑOS DE K-8avo GRADO. TODOS LOS NIÑOS DEBEN DE SER MATRICULADOS CADA AÑO PARA LAS CLASES DE CATECISMO. LAS CLASES COMIENZAN EL 25 DE SEPT. LOS ESPERAMOS.

VIAJE A DORNEY PARK – Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a un viaje a Dorney Park el sábado 14 de Agosto 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.

Viaje al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia el 21 de Agosto del 2010. El bus saldrá de Sta. María a las 6:30AM y los boletos están disponibles a \$40 por persona. Para más información favor de comunicarse con Concepción Martínez al 718-868-0930.

VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY—El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Atlantic City Bally Casino el día Sábado 4 de Septiembre del 2010. Salida a las 7:30 A.M. de Santa María. Costo por boleto \$35. Para mas información y boletos, favor de comunicarse con Aida Rodríguez al 718471-1912.



R. I. C. A. Si usted es un adulto de 17 años en adelante y no ha recibido sus sacramentos de iniciación, Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación, favor de registrarse el Domingo 8 de Agosto después de la misa de la hispana o puede llamar a la oficina de Lunes a Viernes de 9:00 A.M. a 3:00 P.M. al 718-327-1133 o hable con uno de los diáconos o sacerdotes de la parroquia.