

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, August 13—St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – Married Couples
- 7:30 pm – Ricardo Antonio Montano (dec)
Zoila Lopez (dec)

Sunday, August 14—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
Charmagne & Auddie Naraine—Thanksgiving
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Concepcion Rivas (dec)
Lorenzo Bernardez (dec)
- 11:30 am – Providencia Lopez
Manuel Torres (dec)
Por los Sacerdotes de la Parroquia
Presentación del bebe Jerizon A. Nolasco
Alvaro Moreno (dec)
Dante Correa (dec)
Maximo Suarez (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Charles & Margaret Ryan (dec)
Eugene Turner (dec)
Jessica Alejo (16th Birthday)

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

- 8:00 am – Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Seberina Polanco (dec)

Tuesday, August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary

- 8:00 am – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 12:10 pm – Joseph Curley (dec)

Wednesday, August 17

- 8:00 am – Vocations
- 12:10 pm – For the children of the Parish

Thursday, August 18

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

Friday, August 19—St. John Eudes

- 12:10 pm – For the children of the Parish
- 7:30 pm – Julio Rene De La Cruz (dec)

Saturday, August 20—St. Bernard

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – Married Couples
- 7:30 pm – Samuel Suarez (dec)

Sunday, August 21—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Marie Regine Borgella (birthday)
Edgar Punsalan (dec)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 11:30 am – Manuel Chinchilla (dec)
Rosa Tapia Suarez (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Vocations

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

- 1st Collection last weekend - \$5932.60
- 2nd Collection last weekend - \$3813.02

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$5843.20

(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.

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Is 56:1, 6-7 * Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 * Mt 15:21-28
- Mon** * Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6, 10 * Ps 45:10, 11-12, 16 * Lk 1:39-56
- Tues** * Jugs 6:11-24 * Ps 85:9, 11-14 * Mt 19:23-30
- Wed** * Jugs 9:6-15 * Ps 21:2-7 * Mt 20:1-16
- Thurs** * Jugs 11:29-39 * Ps 40:5, 7-10 * Mt 22:1-14
- Fri** * Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 * Ps 146:5-10 * Mt 22:34-40
- Sat** * Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 * Ps 128:1-5 * Mt 23:1-12

Altar Server Schedule for August 20-21, 2011

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Matthew Gardner, Daniel Rosario
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Bianca Feliciano, Blanca Castro, Sabrina, Cinthia C & Cristal Rivera
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Chinelem Chukwu, Chibuikem, Jacques & Katia Mathieu
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Kate M, Chris Hernandez, Caitlin A, Jenny C, Pablo C
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Samantha, Vilmar, Stephan

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK: In memory of a departed relative or friend.

FLOWERS (each arrangement)	\$55.00
BREAD AND WINE	\$50.00
CANDLES	\$15.00

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.

Pray For Luciano Antonio Cordova, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Frank Marin, Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Harris Mouton, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, Jose Romero Sr. and our faithful departed.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

Following their exile to Babylon, the people of Israel came home to find other banished people living in Israel. It was, therefore, not uncommon for foreigners to attempt to come to the Temple to worship. In the reading from Isaiah, the Jewish people are urged to welcome the foreigners and encourage their worship, for it was clearly the understanding of the author of Isaiah that everyone would be redeemed. The Jewish people had a strong sense of what was right and wrong and how to live just lives. This did not mean they had to embrace the religions of others, only to accept the people themselves and recognize that they and all people were entitled to God's salvation.

Paul's Epistle to the Romans is equally evangelizing. He states that his ministry and God's love stretch out to all people, not just the Israelites. Frustrated at times with the Jewish people's rejection and refusal to listen, Paul turned to the Gentiles. All people, Paul explains, have sinned against God. Only because of our disobedience can God show love and mercy for *all* people. God loves us, and without exclusion each human being can claim the gift of salvation.

SALVATION FOR ALL

More severe than the other readings, the Gospel nonetheless asserts that salvation is for all people. It is the amazing and intense faith of the Canaanite woman that catches our attention in the Gospel. The disciples saw her as a nuisance and someone to remove from Jesus' presence. Jesus clearly considered his mission at this point particularly to the Israelites. Yet the woman knew that Jesus could heal her daughter and God's healing is, indeed, for all of us. The woman was so sure of Jesus and God's love that she recognized that something greater than crumbs would come someday to those outside the Jewish faith. Each of us in our own calling is challenged to multiply and supplement the crumbs generously, making a nourishing meal to show all people of the world God's great love.

C.A.R.E.S

CATECHISM AND ROSARY EVENING SERIES

For you and Your Families

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 P.M.

August 30th thru October 25, 2011

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church

1920 New Haven Avenue, Far Rockaway, 11691

Please bring your Rosary, Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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

Saturday, September 24, 2011



If you have not already done so, please take a moment to sign up for the walkathon. The support of all parishioners is greatly needed.

Walkers to walk and volunteers to assist in this event are urged to sign up now.

Please Support Our Beloved Parish by signing on as a walker and/or a volunteer.

Only with the help of *all* of our parishioners will this event be successful. If you are unable to walk, please sign on as a volunteer.

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 to register as a walker, or as a volunteer, or 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 join us for a prayerful day of fun and fellowship.

Our parish needs you!!!!



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.

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

As of August 7, 2011, our pledges total \$55,821.62.
We're getting there!!!!

New pledges have increased to 263, which brings us to 37 from our half-way mark of 300 pledged parishioners.

We are still aiming for that half-way mark. Your response has been wonderful! Please continue working hard to make sure that we reach all of our parishioners, especially our family and friends, to make that important pledge.

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

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.

REMEMBER: that every dollar over \$44,489.00 that is collected is returned to our parish.

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.

Religious Education Registration for Religious Education Classes for children in grades K-8 will be the following days:

Monday—9AM to 1PM
 Tuesday—9AM to 1PM
 Wednesday 9AM to 3PM
 Thursday—9AM to 12PM & 6PM to 9PM
 Friday—9AM to 3PM

You must register your child every year in Religious Education. Please come by!

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING—
 Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at the McKenna Conference Center.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5,932.60

Segunda Colecta: \$3,813.02

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5,843.20

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!

**Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****EL AMOR DE DIOS POR TODO EL MUNDO**

Al volver de su cautiverio en Babilonia, los israelitas encontraron a otros desterrados viviendo en Israel. De modo que no era raro que los extranjeros fueran a orar al templo. En la lectura de Isaías se exhorta al pueblo judío a recibir al extranjero y a apoyar su culto a Dios, pues claramente el autor de Isaías entendía que todos serían redimidos. El pueblo judío tenía un profundo sentido de lo bueno y lo malo, y de cómo ser justos. Esto no quiere decir que ellos tuvieran que abrazar la religión de otros sino aceptar a los demás, y reconocer que ellos y todo el mundo tenía derecho a la salvación.

La epístola de Pablo a los romanos es igualmente evangelizadora. Él dice que su ministerio y el amor de Dios se extienden a todos los pueblos, no sólo a los israelitas. Frustrado a veces por el rechazo de los judíos que no querían escuchar, Pablo se dirige a los paganos. Todo el mundo, explica Pablo, ha pecado contra Dios. Sólo por nuestra desobediencia puede Dios mostrar su amor y su misericordia a todos los pueblos. Dios nos ama y, sin excepción, todo ser humano puede reclamar el don de la salvación.

SALVACIÓN PARA TODOS

Más severa que las otras lecturas, el evangelio también asegura que la salvación es para todos los pueblos. La admirable e intensa fe de la cananea es lo que cautiva nuestra atención en el evangelio. Los discípulos la consideraban un estorbo que debía removerse de la presencia de Jesús. Jesús considera que su misión en ese momento es particularmente para los israelitas. Pero la mujer sabía que Jesús podía curar a su hija y que la curación de Dios es, sin duda, para todos. La mujer estaba tan segura del amor de Jesús y de Dios que reconoció que algo mejor que migajas llegaría algún día a aquéllos ajenos a la fe judía. Cada uno de nosotros, en nuestra propia vocación está retado a multiplicar y a suplementar las migas generosamente, haciendo una cena nutritiva para mostrarle a todo el mundo el gran amor de Dios.

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

Sábado 24 de Septiembre, 2011



Si usted no se ha registrado para la Caminata, por favor trate de registrarse lo mas pronto que pueda?

Necesitamos mucho el apoyo de todos nuestros feligreses. También necesitamos caminantes y voluntarios para que nos ayuden en este evento.

Por favor apoyen a nuestra Querida Parroquia anotándose como caminante o voluntario.

Solamente con la ayuda de todos nuestros feligreses este evento podrá tener éxito. Si usted no puede apoyarnos como caminante, trate de hacerlo como voluntario.

En el vestíbulo de ambas Iglesia podrá encontrar el formulario de registración. También puede obtenerlo en la pagina electrónica www.saintsmaryandgertrude.org, o comunicándose con Joanne Murray 718 327-1133, ext. 16 para registrarse como caminante, voluntario o para obtener mas información.

Los miembros del comité se acercara a usted para pedirle su participación en esta Caminata, ya sea como caminante o voluntario. Por favor únase a nosotros para un día de diversión y compañerismo. **Lo necesitamos!!!!**

CATECISMO—La matricula para las clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños en los grados del K-8avo grado se llevaran a cabo los siguientes días:

Lunes & Martes—9AM a 1PM

Miércoles 9AM a 3PM

Jueves—9AM a 12PM & 6PM a 9PM

Viernes—9AM a 3PM

Todos los niños deben ser matriculados cada año para las clases de Catecismo. Los esperamos.



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.

REUNIÓN DEL CONSEJO PASTORAL—Miércoles 7 de Septiembre, 2011 a las 7:30 P.M. en el Centro de Conferencias McKenna.



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.

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

¡¡Para el 7 de Agosto del 2011 el total de las promesas llego a un total de 55,821.62. Ya estamos llegando!!!

Hemos recibido un aumento de 263 en nuevas promesas, el cual nos lleva a la mitad de la meta de un 37 de los 300 feligreses que han hecho su promesa.

Estamos tratando de llegar a la mitad de esta meta. La participación de todos ustedes ha sido maravillosa. Por favor sigan trabajando para poder alcanzar a todos nuestros feligreses, especialmente nuestros familiares y amigos, para que apoyen esta importante campaña.

Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad y continuo apoyo a nuestra Campaña Anual Católica.

En el vestíbulo encontrara el formulario para hacer su promesa. También puede ponerse en contacto con la rectoría - 718 327-1133, ext. 16 para mas información.

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

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.

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 la Legión María o la rectoría al 718-327-1133.

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.