

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 20—St. Bernard

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

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

- 8:15 am – Marie Regine Borgella (birthday)
Edgar Punsalan (dec)
James & Julia Iloka (42nd wed. anniv.)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 11:30 am – Manuel Chinchilla (dec)
Rosa Tapia Suarez (dec)
Alvaro Moreno (dec)
Dante Correa (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Vocations

Monday, August 22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 am – Vocations
- 12:10 pm – Fr. Anthony Casey (healing)

Tuesday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima

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

Wednesday, August 24—St. Bartholomew

- 8:00 am – Ivelisa Medrano (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Aurliana Rodriguez (dec)

Thursday, August 25—St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz

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

Friday, August 26

- 12:10 pm – Brenda Meehan (dec)
- 7:30 pm – For the children of the Parish

Saturday, August 27—St. Monica

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – Ana Santiago (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Vocaciones

Sunday, August 28—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Gabriel, Herson & Waldman Rivera (dec)
Edgar Punsalan (dec)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 am – Por los Niños de la Parroquia
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAlister—Thanksgiving

Pray For Luciano Antonio Cordova, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Frank Marin, Yvonne Hall, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Joyce Norden, Carmelita Brazzier, 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

- 1st Collection last weekend - \$3712.00
- 2nd Collection last weekend - \$1132.00

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$5112.78

(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 22:19-23 * Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 * Mt 16:13-20
- Mon** * 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10 * Ps 149:1-6, 9 * Mt 23:13-22
- Tues** * 1 Thes 2:1-8 * Ps 139:1-6 * Mt 23:23-26
- Wed** * Rv 21:9-14 * Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 * Jn 1:45-51
- Thurs** * 1 Thes 3:7-13 * Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17 * Mt 24:42-51
- Fri** * 1 Thes 4:1-8 * Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 * Mt 25:1-13
- Sat** * 1 Thes 4:9-12 * Ps 98:1, 7-9 * Mt 25:14-30

Altar Server Schedule for August 27-28, 2011

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Tatiana & Thomas Lira, Cindy Erroa, Adrian Guzman
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Andrea Colon, Brianna Checo, Maybelle Alvarado, Cecilia Chacon
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Gabriele, Bianca Romero, Q. Scott, Jose D.
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Alejandra Zarate, Ketcia Alvarez Sebastian Rosas, Deanna Bobadilla, Bianca S.
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Kevin Robles, Jamal Michel, Henry J., Isaiah Brown

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, September 24th at 1:00 P.M. You MUST register before attending the meeting. Mandatory meeting is Wednesday, September 21th at 7:30 in the rectory.



Welcome to Our Parish



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

RUMOR HAS IT . . .

During Jesus' time, there were many beliefs circulating about the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed of God. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recount the story of Peter's profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi; only Matthew inserts the portion we hear today in which this inbreaking manifestation of faith for Peter makes of him the rock on which Jesus can found a church. Jesus knows, as he illustrated earlier in Matthew's Gospel with the parable of the houses built on sand and rock, that nothing can endure that doesn't have a sure foundation. We also hear Jesus today immediately follow up Peter's profession with a strict command not to go around right away and tell this to others. The faith that breaks in is the foundation, but it takes time and teaching and discernment to comprehend it adequately in order to tell others about it. Indeed, in all three Gospels, the very first thing Jesus does after he is revealed as Christ through Peter's faith is to begin teaching his followers that to be "Messiah" or "Christ" means to suffer much and to die, neither of which was commonly believed about God's Anointed One.

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Throughout the Gospels there is a relentless teaching by Jesus that how we live and act on earth is intimately connected to the workings of God's heavenly reign. "Your will be done on earth as in heaven" we pray, along with "forgive us as we forgive others." In Matthew's Gospel the Last Judgment is portrayed with us being told that the manner in which we treated the hungry, poor, lowly, and oppressed is how we treated Christ. Today Jesus gives Peter—and all of us, the baptized, the church—our vocation. We can misread or misunderstand this passage to think that we have been imbued with some sort of control over the workings of heavenly grace and mercy. Rather, Jesus gives us a potent (and a bit overwhelming) charge to live the life of heaven's boundless forgiveness, to be witnesses to him, the Messiah, the Christ who, as he died on the cross to fulfill the work of those names, made his last words, "Father, forgive them."

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



**Have you signed up yet for the walkathon?
We are looking for walkers and volunteers to
assist in this event.**

**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 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 day of fun and fellowship.

We need you!!!!



R.C.I.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 14, 2011, our pledges total \$55,881.62. This was a very low week for contributions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There were no new pledges this week. Our total pledges remain at 263. Please, if you have not already done so, make your pledge as soon as possible. It is never too late to make your pledge. Please continue working hard to reach out to your family and friends, asking them to make a 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.*



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!

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY—The Puerto Rican committee invite you to a trip to Bally's on Saturday, September 3, 2011. 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING—

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at the McKenna Conference Center.

The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering **FREE** hearing screenings on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 from 10am—4 pm at the Seton Complex located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY. Please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule and appointment.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$3,712.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1132.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5,112.78

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!



Lo que ates
en la
tierra
será atado
en el cielo

Vigésimo primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

SEGÚN RUMORES . . .

En la época de Jesús circulaban muchas creencias sobre el Mesías, el Cristo, el Ungido de Dios. San Mateo, San Marcos y San Lucas cuentan la historia de la profesión de fe de Pedro en Cesárea de Filipo; sólo San Mateo incluye la parte que escuchamos hoy en la que esta manifestación de fe en Pedro lo convierte en la piedra sobre la que Jesús edificó su Iglesia. Jesús sabe, como lo ilustró antes en el Evangelio según San Mateo con la parábola de las casas edificadas sobre arena y sobre piedra, que nada que no tenga cimientos firmes puede durar. También hoy escuchamos a Jesús agregar, inmediatamente luego de la profesión de Pedro, una orden estricta de no decirle a nadie en seguida. La fe es la base pero se necesita tiempo, enseñanza y discernimiento para comprender esto adecuadamente y poder decírselo a los demás. Es más, en los tres evangelios, lo primero que Jesús hace luego de ser revelado como Cristo por la fe de Pedro es comenzar a enseñarle a sus discípulos que ser el "Mesías" o "Cristo" significa sufrir mucho y morir, creencias que no se tenían comúnmente sobre el Ungido de Dios.

ASÍ EN LA TIERRA COMO EN EL CIELO

En el curso de los evangelios hay una enseñanza constante de Jesús, la cual indica que la manera en que vivimos y actuamos en la tierra tiene una relación íntima con las obras del reino de Dios. "Hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo" es lo que pedimos e inmediatamente agregamos "perdona nuestras ofensas así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden". En el juicio final del Evangelio según San Mateo se nos dice que la forma en que tratamos a los hambrientos, a los pobres, a los marginados y a los oprimidos es la forma en que tratamos a Cristo. Hoy Jesús le da a Pedro su vocación, tal como nos la da a cada uno de nosotros los bautizados, o sea, a la Iglesia. Podemos no entender este pasaje o no interpretarlo bien si pensamos que podemos ejercer algún tipo de control sobre la gracia o sobre la misericordia celestial. Es más preciso decir que Jesús nos da el encargo poderoso (y un tanto abrumador) de vivir una vida cimentada en el perdón celestial e infinito, de ser testigos de él, el Mesías, el Cristo que, al morir en la cruz para cumplir la obra que se le encargó como Mesías dijo como últimas palabras, "Padre, perdónalos".

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

Sábado 24 de Septiembre, 2011



**Te has registrado ya para la Caminata?
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 14 de Agosto del 2011 el total de las promesas llego a un total de 55,881.62. Este fin de semana nuestra colecta fue muy baja.

NOTA IMPORTANTE: Esta semana no hubo nuevas promesas. El total de las promesas sigue siendo 263. Si usted todavía no ha hecho su promesa, por favor trate de hacerla lo mas pronto posible. No es muy tarde para hacer su promesa.

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.

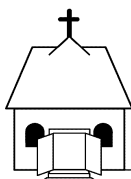
No se olvide que todo el dinero recaudado sobre los \$44,489.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia.

VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY

El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Bally's el día Sábado 3 de Septiembre del 2011. Salida a las 7:30 A.M. de Santa María Estrella del Mar. Costo por boleto \$35. Para mas información favor de comunicarse con Aida Rodríguez al 718-471-1912.

Inscripción para Bautismos De Infantes

El próximo bautismo en español es el 17 de Septiembre a la 1:00 P.M. Se requiere tomar dos clases antes del bautismo que se llevaran a cabo el Martes 9 y 13 de Septiembre a las 7:00 P.M. en la rectoría. Es necesario registrarse por lo menos dos semanas antes de venir a las clases.



*Bienvenidos a
nuestra parroquia*