

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), 11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Friday
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 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 Every Friday 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

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

LEGION DE MARIA: (Hay tres grupos) Lunes 7:30-9:00 PM - McKenna; Sábados 9:00-10:30 AM; Sábados 10:30-12 PM - Sótano de la Rectoría

Rosary Society: 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 & 9:45 Mass

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 Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory Basement

Stewardship Committee: 2nd Sunday 2:30 P.M.

Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Nigerian Committee: 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro) 2nd & 4th Thursday (Jueves) 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the McKenna Center

AA English: Thursdays 8:00 P.M. & Sundays 6:30 P.M.

AA Spanish: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 8:00 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24, 2013 - St. Bartholomew

- 5:00 pm - John & Patricia Gannon (dec)
Shauna Murray Gannon (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Beliza Medrano (dec)
Edvin Rolando Romero Arriaza (dec)
Ludovico Muñoz Tafur (dec)
Dolores Lopez (dec)
Rosa Tapia Viuda de Suarez
Adan Aguilar (sanación)
Presentación de la bebe Keily Dianara Rivas

Sunday, August 25, 2013 –Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - For the People of St. Mary and St. Gertrude
- 9:45 am - Por las almas del Purgatorio
Kimora George (Thanksgiving)
- 11:30 am - Jennifer Garcia (cumpleaños)
Chalia (dec)
Edvin Rolando Romero Arriaza (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Vely Leroy (dec)

Monday, August 26, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Mass for the sick

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 - St. Monica

- 12:10 pm - Brenda Meehan (dec)

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 - St. Augustine

- 12:10 pm - Carmen Rosa (dec)

Thursday, August 29, 2013 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 12:10 pm - Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 30, 2013

- 12:10 pm - Fannie Osborne Loum (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Por la conversión de las Almas

Saturday, August 31, 2013

- 5:00 pm - End of abortion
- 7:30 pm - Por el pueblo de Santa Maria y Santa Gertrudis

Sunday, September 1, 2013 –Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Mass for the People
- 9:45 am - Por las almas del Purgatorio
- 11:30 am - Misa por el Pueblo
- 1:15 pm - Divino Niño Jesus (Acción de gracias)



The Sick: Lila Bacchus, Eneida Marrero, Kiara Velazquez, Mary Morin, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.

The faithful departed: All the faithful departed.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for **Marie Regine Borgella.**

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 - \$6862.00

Second Collection- \$1462.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4741.00

(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 66:18-21 * Ps 117:1-2 * Lk 13:22-30
- Mon** * 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10 * Ps 149:1-6, 9 * Mt 23:13-22
- Tues** * 1 Thes 2:1-8 * Ps 139:1-3,4-6 * Mt 23:23-26
- Wed** * 1 Thes 2:9-13 * Ps 139:7-12 * Mt 23:27-32
- Thurs** * 1 Thes 3:7-13 * Ps 90:3-4, 12-14, 17 * Mk 6:17-29
- Fri** * 1 Thes 4:1-8 * Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12 * Mt 25:1-13
- Sat** * 1 Thes 4:9-11 * Ps 98:1,7-9 * Mt 25:14-30

Altar Server Assignments for Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 2013

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Alexis Small
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Carolena Mayorga, Aaliya Mayorga Miranda, Jossabeth Castaneda
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM- Sebastian Rosas, Lisbed Flores, Cinthia Contreras
- Sun. 1:15 PM- Vilmar Jean-Michel, Lisa Deryce, Christina Gonsalves



The Year of Faith

During the year of faith, please consider taking home the Vocations Cross for one week. Invite your family, friends, neighborhoods and fellow parishioners to join you to pray for our priests, deacons and religious; in addition to praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Remember, without priests, there can be no Eucharist; the Eucharist is the center of our faith.

Prayer for the "Year of Faith"

Lord our God, all truth is from you, and all alone bring oneness of heart. Give your people the joy of hearing your word in every sound and of longing for your presence more than for life itself. May all the attractions of a changing world serve only to bring us the peace of your kingdom which this world does not give. Grant this through Christ our Lord.



I come to gather nations of every language

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE NEED A LITTLE EPIPHANY

Today's first reading from Isaiah hearkens back to passages we hear from that same prophet as the Christmas season draws to a close on Epiphany. The message at that point in the Christian year is essentially the same as today: the redeeming grace of God knows no bounds. It is so marvelous that our human geographical regions or institutions cannot contain it. When it is revealed, the sheer wonder and magnitude of it draws people from all places, from unexpected places, from places that are sometimes considered undesirable by those who would like to contain or control the saving power of God. And then, in an ebb and flow of divine glory, the good news of God's steadfastness, kindness, love, and faithfulness that has caused myriads of people to come to God will turn about, and the message of it will return to all nations and all peoples, as today's psalm sings.

BUT RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE?

The end of time, Jesus explains today, is going to be full of surprises. The undergirding surprise is the unknowability of the precise time of the coming of God's anointed One in glory. To those who were anxious about the number to be saved, Jesus replies not with a head count, but with a description of them: those who have been disciplined in the Lord to enter through the narrow way to heaven. Some will assume that they "know somebody" on the inside, and so are permitted a life of evil. Their insider status, Jesus says, will be for naught. The master at the door will not be able to recognize them through the veil of sinful living that covers them. Those who thought that their "good blood" in the patriarchal covenant would be a guarantee of joining the patriarchs and prophets will be grinding their teeth, not eating at the banquet table in the kingdom. All who erected boundaries and perpetuated status, according to Jesus, will see their imaginary celestial borders shattered, and the highest reserved places given away. Want a seat at the banquet table? Start living like somebody the other guests would like to have there.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

St. Mary and St. Gertrude invites you to join us on a "Year of the Faith" Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Departure time is 7:00 A.M. from St. Mary. Cost \$30 per person. For tickets and information contact: Estebana Nino 347-306-1241, Alejandro Perez 516-491-1255, Joanne Murray 917-757-0466 or call the rectory 718-327-1133 ext. 10

St Mary Star of the Sea and St Gertrude SPECIAL ROSARY NOVENA And BENEDECTION @ St Mary Star of the Sea Church Beach 19th and New Haven

Evenings of Prayer for the Rockaways

Tuesdays 7pm

August 6 to October 1, 2013

Pray for Us

*Mother of God
BVM
OLMC
OLF
OLHC
OLL
OLQAS
Queen of Peace*



*OLHP
OLS
OLK
OLGC
OLG
OLR
IMHM
Gate of Heaven*

Star of the Sea

Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

The 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal is in full motion. **For this year, and this year only**, our diocesan goal has been adjusted to a lower rate of \$23,942.00. This presents a great opportunity for us to raise more money for our parish.

Remember, all money received above the \$23,942.00 will be returned to the parish.

Wow! We are doing fantastic!!! As of 8-21-13 we have commitments totaling \$61,271.00 received from 268 pledges. WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL. We have already collected \$40,090.50 so far. We are well on our way to receiving a big payoff for our parish. Thank you for your commitment and for your continuing generosity. 268 represents about 25% of our registered parishioners. Imagine what we can raise with 25%, 30%, 40%, and even 50% or more of our parishioners making a pledge!

If you have not yet done so, please fill out a commitment form and return it to the diocese, or drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Masses, or drop it at the rectory. Also, encourage your family, friends and fellow-parishioners to make their commitments. ***It is not too late to make a pledge.***

REMEMBER: *that every dollar over \$23,942.00 that is collected is returned to our parish. Please continue to make your payments before December 31, 2013. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!!***

St Mary Star of the Sea and St Gertrude Parish
2013 – 2014 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

“The family that prays together stays together”

Registration for Religious Education Classes for our Children are going on now until Sunday **September 14, 2013...**

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY... CLASSES WILL FILL UP FAST!

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD PLEASE FOLLOW THESE 5 SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS...

- A) Tuition MUST to be paid at the time of registration
- B) Registration Form MUST be completed and signed by parent (s)
- C) Family Parish Envelope # MUST be presented
- D) Copy of Birth Certificate MUST be presented
- E) Copy of Baptism and First Communion Certificate MUST be presented (if child has received these Sacraments)

PLEASE NOTE: **TUITION** for the entire year is as follows:

- Kindergarten \$40 per child
- 1st Grade to H.S. \$50 per child (family registered to this Parish)
- \$80 per child (non-registered family)

NOTE: Additional fees may also be required. At the time of registration this will be explained to you.

We ask that **ALL** Families be registered. Please don't delay, pick up a Religious Education Registration Form and a Parish Registration Form in the Church Lobby or in the Rectory.

If you have **any** questions please do not hesitate to call our Religious Education Office at (718) 327-1133 ex 25. We are ready to help you! Or you can call the Director of Religious Education **Deacon Mike Moss** at (917) 769-4496 anytime.

From the Desk of Deacon Mike,

More volunteers are needed for our Religious Education Program. Would you like to help us? It's easier than you may think!

This year we are expanding our Adult RCIA/RICA and our Children's CCD Programs... so we need more volunteers to assist in this important Ministry.

We have a fine volunteer staff of teachers and assistants and we would be happy to welcome you ...

I am holding interviews for all interested parishioners who would like to help this year. Please contact me directly at (917) 769-4496 or via e-mail mcmoss1951@aol.com or... call the Religious Ed Office (718) 327-1133 ex 25 to leave me your name and contact number.

If you have not received all three Sacraments of Initiation to the Catholic Church: Baptism, Holy Eucharist AND Confirmation... please call our Office to set up an appointment with me or another Deacon or Priest... the Church is here for you!

If you are planning to get married or engaged, or if you are not married but living with someone... I need to speak to you... don't worry... the Church is here for you!

Yours in Christ, Deacon Mike

The Star of the Sea Community of Lay (Third Order) Carmelites is celebrating their 10th Anniversary—

Formation to begin in September for New Aspirants --The members of this Carmelite Community invite you to join them and learn more about how the great Carmelite Saints “Walked in Love” with the Blessed Mother as their guide. If you are a man or woman over 17 years of age, a Catholic in good standing, desire a deeper contemplative prayer life and have a special place in your heart for the Blessed Mother, you are invited to become part of the Carmelite family in the Star of the Sea Community at Saint Rose of Lima. If interested, please leave a message at St. Rose of Lima Rectory 718-634-7394 or send an email to stroserb@aol.com.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6862.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1462.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4741.00

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!

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

La Campaña Anual Católica 2013 está en pleno proceso. Este año, solamente este año, se ha ajustado a una cantidad mucho menor, a una cantidad de \$23,942.00 en promesas. Esto representa una gran oportunidad para que nosotros podamos recaudar más fondos para nuestra parroquia.

Recuerde que todo el dinero recibido sobre los \$23,942.00 será devuelto a la parroquia.

Wow! Estamos haciendo fantástico! A partir del 8/21/13 hemos recibido un total de \$ 61,271.00 de solo 268 promesas. HEMOS SUPERADO NUESTRA META DIOCESANA. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$40,090.50 . Estamos en camino de recibir una gran recompensa para nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su compromiso y por su continua generosidad. 268 representa alrededor del 25% de nuestros feligreses registrados. Imagínese lo que puede aumentar con el 25%, 30%, 40% y hasta un 50% o más de nuestros feligreses si hacen una promesa!

Si todavía no ha hecho su promesa, por favor llene un formulario de compromiso y devuélvalo a la diócesis, deposítelo en la canasta de la colecta durante las misas del fin de semana, o llévelo a la rectoría. Además, por favor trate de animar a su familia, amigos y compañeros feligreses para que hagan sus promesas.

Recuerde: Cada dólar sobre los \$23,942.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Por favor siga haciendo sus pagos antes del 31 de Diciembre, 2013. **NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA PARA APOYAR NUESTRA PARROQUIA!**



Yo vendré para
reunir a las naciones
de toda lengua

Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

NECESITAMOS UNA PEQUEÑA EPIFANÍA

La primera lectura de hoy, tomada del profeta Isaías, nos recuerda las lecturas de ese mismo profeta que escuchamos cuando ya el tiempo de Navidad llegaba a su término con la celebración de la Epifanía del Señor. En ese momento del año cristiano, el mensaje de las lecturas es básicamente el mismo de hoy: la gracia redentora de Dios no conoce fronteras. Esta gracia es tan maravillosa, que nuestras regiones geográficas e instituciones humanas no la pueden contener. Cuando Dios revela esa gracia, su maravillosa grandeza atrae a personas de todas partes y de donde menos uno se espera; de lugares que a veces parecen indeseables a los ojos de los que quisieran contener o controlar el poder salvador de Dios. Y entonces, en un flujo y reflujo de la gloria divina, la buena nueva de la constancia, la misericordia, el amor y la fidelidad de Dios, que han atraído a una miríada de personas hacia Dios, llegará con su mensaje a todas las naciones y a todas las personas, tal como se canta en el Salmo de hoy.

PERO . . . ¿AHORA MISMO?

El fin de los tiempos, tal como nos dice Jesús hoy, va a estar lleno de sorpresas. La sorpresa subyacente es que no hay manera de saber la hora precisa en que el ungido de Dios volverá en su gloria. A los que se preguntaban ansiosamente el número de los que se han de salvar, Jesús les contesta, no con una cifra, sino con una descripción de los que serán salvos: todos los que se hayan disciplinado en el Señor para poder entrar al cielo por la puerta estrecha. Hay quienes presumen de "conocer a alguien" dentro del cielo, y por eso se pueden permitir una vida de maldad. Pero Jesús les dice que sus influencias no les valdrán de nada. El amo que está a la puerta no les podrá conocer por el velo de pecados con que vienen cubiertos. Los que presumían de que su "buena sangre" y la alianza que Dios había hecho con sus antepasados les garantizaría la entrada para unirse a los patriarcas y profetas, sentirán que sus dientes rechinan y no se sentarán al banquete del reino. Según Jesús, todos los que levantaron murallas y perpetuaron posiciones o rangos, verán destruidas las fronteras celestiales que imaginaron, y verán también que los mejores y más altos lugares se ofrecen a otros. ¿Quieres tener un puesto en la mesa del banquete? ¡Empieza a vivir de manera que los otros invitados te quieran tener a su lado!



Oración del Año de la Fe

Señor Dios nuestro, toda verdad viene de ti, y solo Tu nos trae la unidad de corazón. Dale a Tu pueblo el gozo de oír Tu palabra en cada sonido y en añoranza por Tu presencia más que la vida misma. Oremos para que todos los atractivos de un mundo cambiante sirva solo para traernos la paz de Tu reino que este mundo no nos da. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis 2013 - 2014 PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

"La familia que reza unida, permanece unida"

Las inscripciones para las clases de educación religiosa se llevarán a cabo desde ahora hasta el Domingo 14 de Septiembre del 2013...

Favor de inscribirse temprano... las clases se llenan rápido!

Para Inscribir a su hijo, por favor sigan ESTAS 5 SIMPLES INSTRUCCIONES...

- La matrícula deberá pagarse al momento de la inscripción
- Deberá llenar el formulario de inscripción y ser firmado por uno de los padres
- Deberá presentar el número del sobre Parroquial
- Deberá presentar la copia del acta de nacimiento
- Deberá presentar la copia del Acta de Bautismo y Primera Comunión (si el niño recibió estos sacramentos)

NOTA: La matrícula para todo el año es la siguiente:

Kindergarten: \$ 40 por niño

1er grado hasta H.S. - \$50 por niño (Si la familia está registrada en esta parroquia)

\$80 por niño (si la familia no está registrada)

NOTA: Se requiere honorarios adicionales. Se le explicara durante la registración.

Le pedimos a todas las familias que se registren. No espere hasta el ultimo momento, recoja un formulario para la inscripción en el Programa de Educación Religiosa y un formulario para registrarse como miembro de la Parroquia en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o en la rectoría.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta no dude en llamar a nuestra Oficina de Educación Religiosa al (718) 327-1133 ext. 25. Estamos aquí para ayudarle! O puede llamar al Director de Educación Religiosa el **Diacono Mike Moss** al 1 (917) 769-4496 en cualquier momento.

PEREGRINACION AL SANTUARIO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ISLA

—Sta. María y Sta. Gertrudis los invita a una peregrinación del Año de la Fe al Santuario de Nuestra Señora de la Isla el Sábado 14 de Septiembre del 2013. Salida de Santa María a las 7:00 A.M. Costo \$30 por persona. Para boletos llamar: Estebana Nino 347-306-1241, Alejandro Perez 516-491-1255, Joanne Murray 917-757-0466 o llame a la Rectoría al 718-327-1133 ext. 10.

El Año de la Fe

Durante el Año de la Fe, por favor traten de llevar a casa la Cruz de Vocaciones por una semana. Invite a su familia, amigos, vecinos y feligreses a unirse para rezar por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas, y también por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio. Recuerden, sin sacerdotes, no habría Eucaristía, y la Eucaristía es el centro de nuestra fe.