

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 27—St. Monica

- 12:10 pm – Elise & Dorsan Dorsinville (dec)
Lucien Rene Pierre (dec)
Octavi Cesaire (dec)
Suzane & Doudou Pierre (dec)
Terencia Pierre (dec)
- 5:00 pm – Ana Santiago (dec), Brian Lenihan (dec)
Sacred Heart of Jesus (Thanksgiving)
- 7:30 pm – Juan Alberto Martinez (dec)

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

- 8:15 am – Gabriel, Herson & Waldman Rivera (dec)
Edgar Punsalan (dec)
Paul Joseph DeRicco (dec)
Rose Regis Thelusman (dec)
St. Mary Star of the Sea (Thanksgiving)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Para las Almas del Purgatorio
Virgen del Carmen (sanación)
- 11:30 am – Luis Alonzo Hernandez (dec)
Genaro Ureña (dec)
Santos Hercules (cumpleaños)
Oscar Moreno (cumpleaños)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAlister—Thanksgiving
Gina Capone (dec)

Monday, August 29—The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

- 8:00 am – Mercila Altidor (dec), Amelie Charles (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Margaret Berliner (dec)

Tuesday, August 30

- 8:00 am – Vocations
- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces

Wednesday, August 31

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

Thursday, September 1

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

Friday, September 2

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

Saturday, September 3—St. Gregory the Great

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
St. Joseph (Thanksgiving)
- 7:30 pm – Vocaciones

Sunday, September 4—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People, Edgar Punsalan (dec)
St. Jude (Thanksgiving)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 11:30 am – Por los Niños de la Parroquia
- 1:15 pm – For the children of the Parish

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 - \$5963.00

2nd Collection last weekend - \$1382.00

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$5360.28

(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.

Pray For

Cornelio Chanona, Luciano Antonio Cordova, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Frank Marin, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Joyce Norden, Jose Romero Sr. and our faithful departed: Gina Capone.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Jer 20:7-9 * Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 * Mt 16:21-27

Mon * 1 Thes 4:13-18 * Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 * Mk 6:17-29

Tues * 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 * Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 * Lk 4:31-37

Wed * Col 1:1-8 * Ps 52:10-11 * Lk 4:38-44

Thurs * Col 1:9-14 * Ps 98:2-6 * Lk 5:1-11

Fri * Col 1:15-20 * Ps 100:1-5 * Lk 5:33-39

Sat * Col 1:21-23 * Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 * Lk 6:1-5

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.

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.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHO IS PETER?

We are at something of a disadvantage this week, having a separation of seven days between last week's Gospel reading and this week's.

In Matthew's Gospel, these two passages follow immediately upon one another. So we don't realize that, in only a hundred words or so, Jesus has moved from referring to Peter as the rock on which the church will be built to calling him "Satan." So the point is Jesus founded the church on a "Satan"? Of course not. Jesus Christ founded, and continues to build—through the presence of his Body given to us, the church, by the Spirit of baptism—on human beings. He knows now, as he knew then, our frailness and built-in shortcomings. Today he begins his explanation of what his role as Messiah will mean during his last days in Jerusalem. And poor Peter leaps to the wrong conclusion, as many of us would, and still do. Peter is insistent upon following the conventional religious wisdom, the status quo, the commonly understood view of the Messiah. But it was this very view that Jesus came into this world to subvert.

WHO ARE WE?

The spiritual author C. S. Lewis once wrote, in reflecting on how hard it is to pray for one's enemies as Christ commanded, that he had particular difficulty praying for people like Stalin or Hitler. This was because he had to come to terms with the fact that the very human failings that made them who they were are also present in each one of us. We can never be sure exactly how or why we are prevented from exercising that degree of evil and hatred; it is only through the grace and will of God that we don't. All the weakness and ignorance present in Peter today are present in all of us. We could not name one single baptized follower of Christ in whom these mortal failings were not or are not present. It is helpful for us to be alert about this, lest we follow in the way of Peter today and fail to realize that to follow Christ means following him to Jerusalem. It means actively taking up a cross, making our bodies a living sacrifice, as Paul says. It means examining the religious status quo of our day to make sure it is consistent with the sometimes harsh message of Jesus' good news. And it means making sure that we are more like last week's Peter, professing faith in Christ revealed to us by God, so we may continue to be strong and sturdy stones on which the church continues to be built.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING—

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

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

Saturday, September 24, 2011



We still need walkers and volunteers to assist in this event. Some of you have come forward, but our number of registered walkers is below 50. Please sign up to walk or volunteer. If you are unable to walk, please consider sponsoring a walker, and asking others to walk.

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.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*

There are no new updates to report for the Annual Catholic Appeal

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.



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.

NIAGARA FALLS TRIP—September 10th and 11th, 2011 - Join Our Lady of Good Counsel on a trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and Niagara Falls. The trip consist of: the bus ride, one night stay at a hotel, continental breakfast and Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, all for \$200.00. Leaving from Our Lady of Good Counsel, 68 Wanser Ave, Inwood. For information call 516-239-0953. Reservations must be in by Sept.4th, 2011. Payment must be paid in full before Sept. 10th.

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.



Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿QUIÉN ES PEDRO?

Estamos en una especie de desventaja esta semana, ya que siete días separan la lectura del evangelio de la semana pasada y el de esta semana. En el Evangelio según san Mateo, estos dos pasajes están juntos. Por eso no nos damos cuenta que, en tan sólo unas cien palabras, Jesús ha pasado de referirse a Pedro como la piedra sobre la cual edificará su Iglesia a llamarlo "Satanás". Entonces, ¿fundó Jesús su Iglesia en "Satanás"? Por supuesto que no. Jesucristo fundó su Iglesia sobre un ser humano y la sigue construyendo con nosotros, los seres humanos que recibimos el Espíritu en el bautismo; pero, bien conoce el Señor nuestras fragilidades y deficiencias hoy, tal como las conoció entonces. Hoy él comienza a explicar qué implicará su papel como Mesías durante sus últimos días en Jerusalén. Y el pobre Pedro saca conclusiones erróneas, como muchos de nosotros lo hubiésemos hecho y todavía lo hacemos. Pedro se empeña en obedecer las creencias religiosas convencionales, la cultura reinante, las ideas que se tenían comúnmente del Mesías. Pero eran precisamente esas ideas las que Jesús vino a cambiar.

¿QUIÉNES SOMOS NOSOTROS?

El autor espiritual C. S. Lewis escribió una vez mientras reflexionaba sobre lo difícil que es rezar por nuestros enemigos como Cristo nos ordenó, que le resultaba especialmente difícil rezar por personas como Stalin o Hitler. Esto se debía a que debía aceptar que las fallas humanas que existían en esas personas también se hallan presentes en cada uno de nosotros. Nunca podemos estar seguros de cómo o por qué no ejercemos ese grado de maldad y odio; es sólo por la gracia y la voluntad de Dios que no lo hacemos. Toda la debilidad y la ignorancia presente en Pedro está presente hoy en todos nosotros. No podemos nombrar ni a un sólo discípulo bautizado de Cristo que no haya presentado, o que no presente, estas fallas mortales. Nos es útil estar conscientes de esto, no vaya a ser que, como Pedro, no entendamos que seguir a Cristo significa seguirlo a Jerusalén. Significa tomar activamente nuestra cruz, hacer de nuestros cuerpos una ofrenda viva, como dice Pablo. Significa examinar la cultura religiosa de nuestro tiempo para asegurarnos de que sea coherente con el mensaje, a veces duro, de la Buena Nueva de Jesús. Y significa asegurarnos de ser más parecidos al Pedro de la semana pasada, que profesaba su fe en Cristo, revelado a nosotros por Dios, para poder seguir siendo piedras fuertes y sólidas sobre las cuales se sigue edificando la Iglesia.

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

Sábado 24 de Septiembre, 2011



Todavía necesitamos caminantes y voluntarios para que nos ayuden en este evento. Muchos de ustedes se han comprometido, pero el número de los caminantes registrados no llega a los 50. Por favor anótese, ya sea como caminante o voluntario. Si usted no puede participar en la caminata, trate de apoyar a uno de los caminantes, y pídale a otros que participen.

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.



Habrà una orientación para los candidatos del Programa RICA el 31 de Agosto a las 7:30 P.M. en la cafetería de la escuela. Si usted no se ha registrado, favor de hacerlo lo mas pronto posible. Gracias. Para información favor de contactar a 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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5,963.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1,382.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5,360.28

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!



Santa 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

¡Hasta esta fecha no tenemos nuevas promesas que reportar para la Campaña Anual Católica.

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.