

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, 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)
 Jacques Mathieu III—Thanksgiving
9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
11:30 am – Julio Lopez (cumpleaños)
1:15 pm – Gina Capone (dec)

Monday, September 5
9:00 am – For the children of the Parish
Tuesday, September 6
8:00 am – Herissia Batalien (dec)
12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces

Wednesday, September 7
8:00 am – For the children of the Parish
12:10 pm – Married Couples
Thursday, September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Married Couples
12:10 pm – Barbara Beaubrun (birthday)

Friday, September 9—St. Peter Claver
12:10 pm – Vocations
7:30 pm – Cornelio Chanona (dec)
Saturday, September 10
12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
5:00 pm – For the sick and the homebound
7:30 pm – Vocaciones

Sunday, September 11—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 am – Mass for the People
 Edgar Punsalan (dec)
9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
11:30 am – Por los sacerdotes de la parroquia
1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

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

The Rectory Office will be closed this Monday for Labor Day. Only one Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M.



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

No weekend Masses for weekend of August 28, 2011

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$4632.33

(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 * Ez 33:7-9 * Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 * Mt 18:15-20
Mon * Col 1:24-2:3 * Ps 62:6-7, 9 * Lk 6:6-11
Tues * Col 2:6-15 * Ps 145:1-2, 8-11 * Lk 6:12-19
Wed * Col 3:1-11 * Ps 145:2-3, 10-13 * Lk 6:20-26
Thurs * Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30 * Ps 13:6 * Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Fri * 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 * Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 * Lk 6:39-42
Sat * 1 Tm 1:15-17 * Ps 113:1-7 * Lk 6:43-49

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

HEED THE WARNING

In answering God's call to be a prophet, Ezekiel took on a serious duty. Just as the watchman sounded a trumpet to warn the citizens of impending danger, so was it the prophet's responsibility to warn the people to repent. If the townsfolk ignored the watchman's trumpet and were taken by the enemy, the watchman was not to blame. Yet in the task of warning the people, the watchman was responsible for the welfare of the entire community. In the same way, the prophet only needed to deliver the message. What the listeners did upon receiving it was their own choice. Nevertheless, the prophet's responsibility to the community was clear. To shirk that duty would be a disservice to all.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, he tells us to go beyond the letter of God's law to its heart, which is love. What the fourth through tenth commandments really challenge us to do is love our neighbor. As Paul points out and as the Gospel clarifies, we cannot do this passively or by choosing not to get involved.

A RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN

Loving one another is not easy to do. There will always be those whose actions damage and disrupt the community and cause harm to the world at large. It is our responsibility to challenge those actions and shed the light of the gospel on them, but to do so in a loving way. In a culture where public sentiment can run strong, demonstrating such restraint and respect may feel like swimming upstream. Yet today's Gospel invites us not to condemn out of hand, but to engage in a dialogue with the offender that can result in conversion and change. To fail to do so is to shrink from our Christian responsibility. In the light of today's Gospel, what do you think could be the appropriate Christian responses to the many different actions of relatives, friends, fellow citizens, and government authorities in the past year?

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



It is now 3 weeks to countdown! We still need walkers and volunteers to assist in this event. Some of you have come forward, but our number of registered walkers is still 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!!!!

RCIA 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 for the 2nd week in a row.

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 is still going on. Please contact the rectory at 718-327-1133 x 25 for information. Classes will start on Saturday, September 17, 2011. You must register your child every year in Religious Education. Please come by!

The Office of Faith Formation is sponsoring the following diocesan events:

- Family Day, Monday, Sept. 26, 2011
- Respect Life Sunday, October 2, 2011
- World Priest, Sunday October 30, 2011

ROSARY FOR LIFE invite you to join them on Friday, October 7, 2011 for the Annual Anniversary co-celebrated Mass at Good Shepherd Church, 1950 Batchelder St. Brooklyn, NY (Belt Parkway-Exit 11N Kings Plaza.) Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiano, Vicar General Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, will be the Main Celebrant & Homilist. The Rosary will precede the Mass at 7:00 P.M. and enrollment in the Brown Scapular will follow. For more information, call Rosary for Life at 718-377-6920.

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 tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

ATENCIÓN A LA ADVERTENCIA

Al responder a la llamada de Dios a ser profeta, Ezequiel aceptó una responsabilidad seria. Así como el centinela tocaba la trompeta para avisar a los ciudadanos acerca de un peligro inminente, así era responsabilidad del profeta advertir a la gente que se arrepintieran. Si los habitantes del pueblo ignoraban el anuncio del centinela y caían en manos del enemigo, el centinela no era culpable. Sin embargo, en su tarea de prevenir al pueblo, el centinela era responsable de la seguridad de toda la comunidad. Del mismo modo, el profeta sólo necesitaba anunciar el mensaje. Lo que los oyentes hicieran al recibir el anuncio era cuestión de ellos. Sin embargo, la responsabilidad del profeta ante la comunidad era clara. Eludir ese deber perjudicaría a todos.

En su carta a los romanos, Pablo nos dice que debemos ir más allá de la letra y llegar al corazón de la ley de Dios, que es el amor. Los mandamientos, desde el cuarto hasta el décimo, realmente son un reto a amar a nuestro prójimo. Como señala Pablo y lo clarifica el evangelio, esto no lo podemos hacer pasivamente ni sin comprometernos.

UN CRISTIANO RESPONSABLE

Amarnos los unos a los otros no es fácil. Siempre habrá seres cuyas acciones dañan y perturban a la comunidad, y perjudican al mundo entero. Es nuestra responsabilidad retar esas acciones y hacer brillar sobre ellas la luz del evangelio, pero hacerlo con amor. En una cultura en que el sentir público tiende a ser fuerte, demostrar control de sí mismo o respeto puede ser como nadar contra la corriente. Pero el evangelio de hoy nos invita a no condenar de inmediato, sino a establecer un diálogo con quien nos ofende, para que pueda resultar en conversión y cambio. No hacerlo así es evadir nuestra responsabilidad cristiana. A la luz del evangelio de hoy, ¿cuál crees tú que debe ser la respuesta cristiana apropiada, frente a las diferentes acciones de parientes, amigos, conciudadanos y autoridades gubernamentales durante el año pasado?

La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada este Lunes en celebración del Día del Trabajo. Solo una Misa será celebrada a las 9:00 A.M.



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

Sábado 24 de Septiembre, 2011



Solo faltan tres semanas más para el gran día! 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 todavía 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 se están llevando a cabo en la rectoría. Favor de llamar al 718-327-1133 x 25 para más información. Las clases comenzarán el Sábado 17 de Septiembre, 2011. Todos los niños deben ser matriculados cada año para las clases de Catecismo. Los esperamos!

GRAN BAILE —La comunidad de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a La Gran Fiesta de Independencia Centro Americana amenizado por La Marimba Maya Quetzal y el DJ Unique Class el Sábado 17 de Septiembre de 8:00 PM a 2:00 A.M. Admisión: \$20. Para más información llamar a la rectoría 718-3271133 x 10.

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

No celebramos Misas este pasado fin de Semana,
Agosto 28, 2011

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4,632.33

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!



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

¡¡Por dos semanas consecutivas no hemos tenido 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.

La Oficina de Formación Cristiana esta ofreciendo los siguientes eventos diocesanos:

El Día de la Familia, Lunes 26 de Septiembre, 2011
Domingo del Respeto por la Vida, Octubre 2, 2011
Domingo Mundial del Sacerdocio, Octubre 30, 2011

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.