

# St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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Deacon Michael C. Moss  
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**PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**  
Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
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Rev. Augustine Emeh, Ext. 17

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:**  
Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25  
All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**  
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Ms. Angela D. Brucia, Principal  
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**SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER**  
Ms. Carla Ramos - 718-327-2242, Ext. 204

**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, 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:** Every Monday 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 their child. A 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:** 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 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.

**Charismatic Youth Prayer Group:** Thursday 7:30 P.M.

**Prayer Group in English every Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. in the  
Church.**

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

**Nigerian Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*..Saturday, September 4*

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)  
Nodice Issac (dec)  
Clementine Garcia (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Pablo & Maria Valderrama (dec)  
Cleo Camacho (dec)  
Roberto Agudelo (dec)  
Miguel Angel Martinez (dec)

*Sunday, September 5—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Father Jim Cunningham—Thanksgiving  
Mathieu Family—Thanksgiving
- 9:45 am – Mass available
- 11:30 am – Merle Paso Hoyos (dec)  
Maria Jimenes (dec)  
Miguel Angel Martinez (dec)  
Maria Ubense Luna (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)  
Mass for the People

*Monday, September 6*

- 9:00 am – Sergio Celestin—Thanksgiving

*Tuesday, September 7*

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Claude Williams & Family (dec)

*Wednesday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 8:00 am – Lorraine Doris Barbary Foley (healing)
- 12:10 pm – Barbara Beaubrun (birthday)
- 6:30 pm – Father Jim Cunningham—Thanksgiving  
Msgr. James McKenna (dec)  
Mary Mooney (dec), Maude Baker (dec)  
James Higgins (dec)  
Cleofe de Jesus Miti (dec)  
Yvette Friedberg (dec), Josephine Friel (dec)  
Levonne Williams (dec)  
Monica McCabe (dec)

*Thursday, September 9—St. Peter Claver*

- 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 12:10 pm – Toussaint Family (dec)

*Friday, September 10*

- 12:10 pm – Edwin Thomas (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Carmela De La Cruz (dec)

*Saturday, September 11*

- 12:10 pm – Lorraine Doris Barbary Foley (healing)
- 5:00 pm – For the family & victims of 9/11
- 7:30 pm – Maxima Sencion (dec)

*Sunday, September 12—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Matthew Glomb  
Mass for the People
- 9:45 am – Mass available
- 11:30 am – Por los Sacerdotes
- 1:15 pm – Aduago Chukwu (birthday)



**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**

Weekend of 8-28 & 8-29 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Relief	Total Collection
5:00 PM	66	33	\$600.15	13	\$192.00	\$792.15
7:30 PM	246	44	\$504.15	30	\$281.00	\$785.15
8:15 AM	203	75	\$1,403.00	44	\$327.88	\$1,730.88
9:45 AM	150	64	\$724.60	32	\$243.51	\$968.11
11:30 AM	360	74	\$1,180.46	53	\$346.00	\$1,526.46
1:15 PM	159	44	\$500.10	28	\$177.26	\$677.36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1184</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>\$ 4,912.46</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>\$ 1,567.65</b>	<b>\$6,480.11</b>

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5303.66**

**(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 –

**Make your Return to God Easier by using...  
PARISH PAY [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com).**

**Weekday Readings**

- Sun** \* Wis 9:13-18b \* Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 \* Lk 14:25-33
- Mon** \* 1 Cor 5:1-8 \* Ps 5:5-7, 12 \* Lk 6:6-11
- Tues** \* 1 Cor 6:1-11 \* Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b \* Lk 6:12-19
- Wed** \* Mi 5:1-4a; or Rom 8:28-30 \* Ps 13:6ac \* Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Thurs** \* 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 \* Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24 \* Lk 6:27-38
- Fri** \* 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 \* Ps 84:3-6, 12 \* Lk 6:39-42
- Sat** \* 1 Cor 10:14-22 \* Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 \* Lk 6:43-49

**PLEASE PRAY for** Bishop Ignatius Catanello, Robert Cunningham, Angela Rivara, Zoila Yopez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Linda Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Beulah Harris, Santos Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Simone Boyer, Annabel Davis, Wiloby Snips, Yves Joseph, Luis y Lily Santiago, Bryan Rodriguez, Lydia Morales and our faithful departed: Rupert Murray.

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

*The bread and wine are given in memory of **Cleo Camacho.***

*The sanctuary candle is given in memory of **Cleo Camacho...In memory of Roberto Agudelo.***

*The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Michelle Bonilla.***

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over these many years I have used this space each week to communicate with you about the life of our parish. As I prepare to leave St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Parish I would like to use this last opportunity to thank all of you for your love and support. I also want to apologize for the ways that I failed you as your pastor. I am always conscious of my many faults and failings. I also recognize that perhaps, at times, I have hurt members of this parish family by my words and actions. What you should know today, more than anything else, is how sorry I am if I have ever hurt you or a member of your family. I have considered it the *greatest* honor of my life to have been your pastor. I know that as I begin a new chapter in my life at Holy Name of Jesus I will always hold all of you in my heart. I know that I am a better priest and a better person today because of your love and example of faith.

In a particular way I am grateful to the priests, deacons, seminarians and members of the parish staff for all they have done over the years in working with me. I have been always proud of our dedicated team of staff and volunteers who make our parish so alive! We are blessed indeed! These last few weeks have been very difficult for me. The thought of leaving hurts so much. I know too that change is always good. I know that all of you will quickly come to know and love Msgr. Bracken as you wait for a new pastor. Msgr. Bracken will be great. He is a very smart, efficient and most especially holy priest. I am grateful to him for preparing a place for me at Holy Name.

Tonight (Sunday) we will have our last "Movie Night" at 7:30 P.M. The movie we are showing is the classic "It's a Wonderful Life." Please join us in the McKenna Center if you are able. I will celebrate my last official Mass as your Pastor on Monday at 9:00 A.M. After Mass, Penelope and I will head to Brooklyn. I have asked the Parish Council if I would be able to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell on the Feast of St. Mary Star of the Sea this coming Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 P.M. It will give me an opportunity to thank God for this wonderful gift and to thank all of you for all that you do to make our parish the vibrant parish that it is. I would be honored if you could attend.

I hope that you will always keep in touch and come and visit me in Brooklyn! I will miss all of you terribly. Please know how grateful I am to all of you and how much I love you.

Love Your Pastor,  
Father Jim

Contact Information for Father Jim:

Rev. James K. Cunningham  
Holy Name of Jesus Church  
245 Prospect Park West  
Brooklyn, New York 11215  
718-768-3071

*You are cordially invited  
to attend  
The farewell Mass for our Pastor  
Father Jim  
On Wednesday, September 8, 2010  
at 6:30 PM  
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church  
1920 New Haven Avenue  
Far Rockaway, NY*

*Reception will follow  
in the rectory garden  
All are invited to come,  
all are welcome.*



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS –**

The 2010-2011 School Year will soon begin! The dates are as follows:

Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Grades 1 to 8  
8 AM – 11:30 AM

Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten  
and Grades 1-8 8 AM – 11:30 AM

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten  
and Grades 1-8 8 AM – 11:30 AM

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Kindergarten  
begins. All classes from Pre-K to Grade 8  
8AM – 2PM



Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE  
FAREWELL MASS FOR FATHER. JIM**  
September 8, 2010—6:30 P.M.

Tiffany Santizo, Joseph Santizo, Brittany Santizo, George Santizo, Jacques Mathieu III, Bianca Romero, Ketcia Alvarez, Daniel Reina, Isaiah Brown

**Altar Server Schedule for Sept. 11-12, 2010**

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Thomas & Tatiana Lira, Michael Riley, Bianca Salonga
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Lucio Manzanares, Irene Mejia, Carolena Mayorga, Jennifer Puluc
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Andrea Colon, Jacques & Katia Mathieu, Samantha Hassin
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Chris Hernandez, Krystal Rivera, Axel & Carlos Lopez
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Vilmar, Henry & Stephan Jean Michel, Brianna Checo

**FROM BISHOP DIMARZIO'S DESK**

My Dear Friends in Christ:

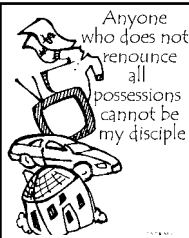
I appeal to you today to give generously to the National Collection for the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Catholic University is unique as the national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican. As such, it has a special responsibility to educate future leaders for our Church and our nation. In this sense, The Catholic University of America belongs to all of us in the Church, regardless of where we live.

The financial sacrifices required of Catholic parents to provide a truly Catholic college education are enormous. All of the funds received through this collection underwrite the financial aid program at the university. Simply put, your contributions directly benefit students at Catholic University from all over the United States, including our own diocese, by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Last year, nearly 3,000 students at CUA received scholarship support through the funds raised via the National Collection for Catholic University.

Students at Catholic University receive personalized attention in a wide range of programs, combining an excellent liberal arts curriculum with courses in their major fields of study. Grounded in the philosophy of the Catholic intellectual tradition, these students are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio  
Bishop of Brooklyn



718-827-2454 .

**VOCATIONS—*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*** "None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at

**Blessed Trinity Parish  
Ministry of Consolation**

**Bereavement Support Group**

This seven-week program is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. It is the opportunity to meet others, share stories and explore the process of grieving and healing.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 PM—8:30 PM

**Place:** St. Edmund's Church—Library  
Rockaway Point Blvd. & Beach 216 St, Breezy Pt.

**To Register:** Call Teresa Sefchek @ 908-421-4915  
or Anne Maguire @ 718-945-0563

**Transportation is available!**

**Fr. James Martin, SJ**, award winning author of "My Life with the Saints" and "The Jesuit Guide to (ALMOST) Everything" and Culture Editor of America Magazine will visit St. Francis de Sales on September 16, 2010 at 7:30 pm. His talk, "Laughing with the Saints – Joy, Humor, and Laughter in the Spiritual Life" will be followed by a book signing. Please join us to hear this wonderful priest share his insights into the lighthearted, joyful side of spirituality. St. Francis de Sales Church is located at 129-16 Rockaway Beach Blvd., (718)634-6464.

**TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY**—The Puertorican committee invites you to a trip to Atlantic City Bally Casino on Saturday, September 25, 2010. 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.

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** invites you to join them for their Annual Anniversary con-celebrated Mass, Oct. 7, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at Good Shepherd Church, 1950 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, NY (Belt Parkway—Exit 11N Kings Plaza). Most Reverend 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 718-377-6920.

**PILGRIMAGE**—There are still a few seats left for the pilgrimage to Washington DC on October 30, 2010. The cost is \$55.00 per person. If you have already signed up, please make payment as soon as possible to guarantee your seat. Please call the rectory for more information.

**NIAGARA FALLS TRIP**—Our Lady of Good Counsel -Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Please join us on this most beautiful trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and Niagara Falls. The trip consist of: Bus ride, one bag lunch, visit to the Cave of the Winds, a ride on the Maid of the Mist Boat Tour, Niagara Adventure Theater, Niagara Gorge Discovery Center, Observation Tower, Top of the Falls Restaurant, and the use of the Niagara Scenic Trolley, one night stay at a hotel, a continental breakfast and Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima all for \$200.00. For more information, please call 516-239-0953.

**CCD NEWS** REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8 IS NOW GOING ON IN THE RECTORY. CLASSES START ON SEPT 25. YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR CHILD EVERY YEAR IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. PLEASE COME BY!

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS****Domingo Pasado: \$6,480.11****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5303.66****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!

**DEL ESCRITORIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO**

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Durante los años que he estado aquí en Santa María he usado este espacio en el boletín para comunicarme con ustedes sobre la vida de nuestra parroquia. Mientras me preparo para partir de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis me gustaría tomar esta última oportunidad para agradecerle a todos ustedes por todo su amor y todo su apoyo. También quiero pedirles perdón si de alguna manera le he fallado como su párroco. Yo estoy consciente de mis faltas y mis defectos. También reconozco que quizás en algunos momentos hasta los he lastimado con mis palabras y acciones. Lo único que quisiera decirles hoy, de todo corazón, es que siento mucho si alguna vez ofendí alguno de ustedes o algún familiar con mis palabras o acciones. Ha sido un gran honor para mí haber sido su párroco. También quiero que sepan que mientras comienzo este nuevo ministerio en la Parroquia El Santo Nombre de Jesús siempre los llevaré en mi corazón. Hoy soy un mejor sacerdote y una mejor persona por todo su amor y ejemplo de fe.

De una manera especial les estoy muy agradecido a los sacerdotes, diáconos, seminaristas y los miembros del personal parroquial por todo lo que han hecho por mí durante los años que han trabajado conmigo. ¡Siempre he estado muy orgulloso de nuestro dedicado equipo y todos los voluntarios que hacen de nuestra parroquia una parroquia vibrante! ¡Nuestra parroquia esta verdaderamente bendecida! Estas últimas semanas han sido muy difíciles para mí. Me duele mucho dejar esta parroquia. Yo se que los cambios son siempre buenos. También sé que todos ustedes muy pronto llegaran a conocer y amar al Monseñor Bracken mientras esperan a su nuevo párroco. El Monseñor Bracken es una gran persona. Una persona muy inteligente, eficiente y sobre todo un gran sacerdote. Le estoy muy agradecido al Monseñor Bracken por haber preparado un lugar para mí en la Parroquia El Santo Nombre.

Esta noche (domingo) tendremos nuestra última "Noche de Película" a las 7:30 P.M. Mostraremos la película clásica "Una Vida Maravillosa." Por favor trate de unirse a nosotros en el Centro McKenna. El Lunes celebraré mi última misa oficial como su Párroco a las 9:00 A.M. Después de la misa, Penélope y yo saldremos para Brooklyn. El Miércoles 8 de Septiembre, la Festividad de Santa María Estrella del Mar, celebrare una misa especial de Acción de Gracias y

Despedida a las 6:30 P.M. En esta misa tendré la oportunidad de darle las gracias a Dios por este maravilloso regalo y también agradecerles a todos ustedes por hacer de nuestra parroquia una parroquia vibrante. Sería un honor para mí que usted pudiera asistir.

¡Espero que todos ustedes traten siempre de mantenerse en contacto conmigo y que vengan a visitarme en Brooklyn! Voy a extrañarlos mucho a todos. Por favor sepan lo agradecido que estoy de todos ustedes y que los amo mucho.

Con amor su Párroco,  
Padre Jim

**ANUNCIO DE LA ESCUELA SANTA MARIA**

El año escolar 2010-2011 esta por comenzar!  
Los días son los siguientes:

Miércoles 8 de Septiembre – Grados 1 al 8  
8 AM – 11:30 AM

Jueves 9 de Septiembre – Kindergarten y los  
grados 1-8 8 AM – 11:30 AM

Viernes 10 de Septiembre - Kindergarten y los  
grados 1-8 8 AM – 11:30 AM

Lunes 13 de Septiembre – Comienza el Pre-K.  
Todos los grados desde el Pre-K al 8  
8AM – 2PM

**VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY**—El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Atlantic City Bally Casino el día Sábado 25 de Septiembre del 2010. Salida a las 7:30 A.M. de Santa María. Costo por boleto \$35. Para mas información y boletos, favor de comunicarse con Aida Rodríguez al 718471-1912.

**PEREGRINACIÓN**—Todavía tenemos varios asientos disponibles para la peregrinación Diocesana a la Basílica del Santuario de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington DC el sábado, 30 de octubre del 2010. El costo del viaje es \$55.00 por persona. Si usted anoto su nombre, por favor trate pagar por el viaje para asegurar su asiento. Por favor llame a la rectoría para mas información.

**Educación Religiosa** LA MATRICULA PARA LAS CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA SE ESTÁN LLEVANDO A CABO EN LA RECTORIA PARA LOS NIÑOS DE K-8avo GRADO. TODOS LOS NIÑOS DEBEN DE SER MATRICULADOS CADA AÑO PARA LAS CLASES DE CATECISMO. LAS CLASES COMIENZAN EL 25 DE SEPT. LOS ESPERAMOS.