

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



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, Ext. 25
All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

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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 (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 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 – Dorothy Scamacca (dec)
Edgar Punsalan (dec)
- 9:45 am – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 11:30 am – Por los sacerdotes de la parroquia
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

Monday, September 12—The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 am – Estela Molina (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Edwin Thomas (dec)

Tuesday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom

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

Wednesday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8:00 am – Joy Anakhu (birthday)
- 12:10 pm – For the children of the Parish

Thursday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Friday, September 16—St. Cornelius

- 12:10 pm – Vocations
- 7:30 pm – Cornelio Chanona (dec)

Saturday, September 17– St. Robert Bellarmine

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

Sunday, September 18 -Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocations
- 11:30 am – Juan & Clemente Reyes (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Louise Julien (birthday)

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.

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 - \$4912.46
- 2nd Collection last weekend - \$1074.00

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$6158.00

(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** * Sir 27:30-28:9 * Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 * Mt 18:21-35
- Mon** * 1 Tm 2:1-8 * Ps 28:2, 7-9 * Lk 7:1-10
- Tues** * 1 Tm 3:1-13 * Ps 101:1-3, 5-6 * Lk 7:11-17
- Wed** * Nm 21:4-9 * Ps 78:1-2, 34-38 * Jn 3:13-17
- Thurs** * 1 Tm 4:12-16 * Ps 111:7-10 * Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Fri** * 1 Tm 6:2-12 * Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 * Lk 8:1-3
- Sat** * 1 Tm 6:13-16 * Ps 100:1-5 * Lk 8:4-15

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.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.

The sanctuary candle is given in in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.

The flowers are given in thanksgiving for
Rosalie McAllister.



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ROLE MODELS

The "average" Christian has two role models in today's Gospel: Peter and the indebted servant. Peter thinks he's going to get the jump on Jesus and express his offer to be even more generous in forgiveness than he is expected to be. In a culture that was based on parity in revenge (an eye for an eye), to forgive somebody once or even twice was a generous gesture. So Peter was probably a bit self-righteously smug when he offered the biblically perfect number of seven as the amount of forgiveness he is willing to extend to another. But Jesus tells him that, no matter how good and forgiving we think we are, we need to be at least ten times more. The indebted servant hits what people in recovery programs refer to as "rock bottom" when his wife, family, and possessions are threatened. He has no choice but to fling himself on the king's mercy. It is this act of pleading, of self-recognition of his extreme indebtedness to the king, that causes the compassionate release of regal mercy to flow freely. This is how the divine throne of grace interacts with us, Jesus illustrates.

ROLE REVERSAL

But once the indebted servant's plea for patience has been answered compassionately, he misses the opportunity to go forth and imitate the graciousness he has just received. When faced with his own smaller situation of being the creditor rather than the debtor, he develops the sort of amnesia that afflicts so many of us when we feel we have been wronged, slighted, or not paid in full. The indebted servant evidently did not know or did not heed the wisdom from Jesus ben Sirach in today's first reading. He could not call to mind that a sinner is characterized by hugging wrath and anger tightly. When we hug wrath and anger this tightly, our arms are completely incapable of reaching out in the loving embrace of forgiveness. Peter, and all of us, must learn to keep the wisdom of Sirach and this parable in our hearts and close at hand each time we are called upon to forgive as we have been forgiven. In that way, we can truly live our prayer for God's will for boundless mercy, forgiveness, and compassion to be done on earth as it is in heaven.



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 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!!!!

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

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1920 New Haven Avenue, Far Rockaway, 11691

Please bring your Rosary, Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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



REMEMBER 9/11

Prayer for September 11, 2001

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day ten years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, comfort all who mourn embrace all those in sorrow, give courage to all who suffer. Continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, who vindicates all injustice, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Restore tranquility to all nations and bless the work of Your creation.

Heavenly Father, answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ, Your Son. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

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

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please do not forget your pledges for the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal. There are 3 months left in 2011 to complete your payments.

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.*

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 information, call Rosary for Life at 718-377-6920.

The St. Francis de Sales Bereavement Ministry will be holding a program entitled "Working Our Way Through Grief". 8 Wednesday Evenings. First Session: Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. For registration information, please call Winifred Fitzgerald (718-318-2123).



Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

MODELOS

Al cristiano "promedio" se le presentan dos modelos en el Evangelio de hoy: Pedro y el siervo deudor. Pedro piensa que va a tomarle la delantera a Jesús al expresar su oferta de ser aún más generoso y perdonar más allá de lo esperado. En una cultura basada en la paridad de la venganza (ojo por ojo), perdonar a alguien una o dos veces es un gesto generoso. Así que Pedro se sentía onrdamente justo cuando ofreció perdonar siete veces, empleando el número perfecto según la Biblia. Pero Jesús le dice que no importa lo bueno o misericordioso que creamos ser, necesitamos serlo al menos diez veces más. Cuando su esposa, su familia y sus posesiones se ven amenazados, el empleado deudor cae "hasta tocar fondo", como dice la gente que está en programas de recuperación. No tiene otra opción que arrojarse a la misericordia del rey. Es esta acción suplicante, este auto-reconocimiento de su enorme deuda para con el rey, lo que da lugar a que brote y fluya libremente la compasión del monarca. De esta manera Jesús ilustra cómo interactúa el trono de la gracia divina con nosotros.

INVERSIÓN DE PAPELES

Sin embargo, una vez que su súplica pidiendo la paciencia del rey ha sido aceptada con compasión, el empleado endeudado pierde la oportunidad de imitar la benevolencia que acaba de recibir. Ante una situación menos grave, cuando él es el acreedor en vez del deudor, desarrolla un tipo de amnesia, que nos aflige a muchos de nosotros cuando creemos que nos han hecho algún mal o que nos han despreciado, o que no hemos recibido una retribución completa. El empleado deudor evidentemente no conocía o no prestó atención a la sabiduría de Jesús ben Sirá en la primera lectura de hoy. No se acordó que el pecador tiende a aferrarse a su ira y a su enojo. Cuando nos aferramos a la ira y al enojo con tanta fuerza, nuestros brazos son completamente incapaces de abrirse para dar el amoroso abrazo del perdón. Pedro y todos nosotros debemos aprender a guardar en nuestro corazón la sabiduría de Sirácide y de esta parábola y tenerla a mano cada vez que somos llamados a perdonar al igual que somos perdonados. De ese modo, la misericordia, el perdón y la compasión sin límites de Dios cobrarán vida en nosotros, y se hará su voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo.

*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.

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

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

**Domingo Pasado: \$4912.46
Segunda Colecta: \$1074.00**

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6158.00

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

¡No tenemos nuevas promesas que reportar para la Campaña Anual Católica.

NOTA IMPORTANTE: Por favor no se olvide de la promesa que hizo a la Campaña Anual Católica 2011. Solo quedan 3 meses para completar sus pagos de este año 2011.

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.



Recuerde
el 11 de septiembre

Oración del 11 de Septiembre, 2001

Dios Amoroso y Todopoderoso, todos recordamos el 11 de Septiembre, y oramos por todos aquellos que fueron afectados por los terribles acontecimientos de ese día.

Recordamos, con amor y respeto, todos los que trágicamente encontraron la muerte.

Recordamos a aquellos que aún sufren las heridas de ese día, diez años atrás y oramos por su recuperación. Recordamos a todos los familiares y amigos que aun sufren y todos los que perdieron a sus seres queridos.

Señor de gracia, dale conformidad y valor a todos los que sufren. Dale consuelo con la esperanza de que todos los que confían en Ti encontrarán paz y descanso eterno en tu reino. Bendícenos con Tu presencia y rodéanos con Tu amor.

Dios de paz, que perdona todas las injusticias, bendice a todos los que defienden y protegen a nuestro país y sus ideales de libertad. Dios de todas las naciones, mira con amor a este mundo y a su gente. Restablece la tranquilidad en todas las naciones y bendice la obra de Tu creación.

Padre Celestial, responde a nuestras oraciones y danos esperanza a través de Cristo, Tu Hijo. Que reine la justicia y la paz y que la tierra sea llena de Tu gloria. Amén