

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



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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: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

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)
Jesús Sacramentado—Acción de Gracias
Pilar Gutierrez (salud)

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 – Adaugo Chukwu (birthday)
Lucienne Bonnet—Thanksgiving

Monday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom

- 8:00 am – Lorraine Doris Barbary Foley (healing)
- 12:10 pm – Rom & Sue Resue (50th wedding anniversary)



Tuesday, September 14 -The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8:00 am – St. Anthony—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Joy Anakhu—Thanksgiving

Wednesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8:00 am – Melisa Medrano (dec)
Arthur Joseph & Family—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Hermina Zayas (dec)

Thursday, September 16—St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

- 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 12:10 pm – Msgr. Richard F. Dunn (healing)

Friday, September 17—St. Robert Bellarmine

- 12:10 pm – Msgr. Richard F. Dunn (healing)
- 7:30 pm – Wilfredo & Lisbeth Coronado (19 Wed. anniv.)

Saturday, September 18

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Louise Julien (birthday)
- 7:30 pm – Misa por la Comunidad

Sunday, September 19—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Vanessa Corchia (birthday)
- 9:45 am – Mass available
- 11:30 am – Misa disponible
- 1:15 pm – Mass available

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.

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 9-4 & 9-5 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Catholic University	Total Collection
5:00 PM	70	40	\$451.22	21	\$392.00	\$843.22
7:30 PM	97	35	\$310.19	11	\$381.00	\$691.19
8:15 AM	195	110	\$1,112.63	42	\$481.25	\$1,593.88
9:45 AM	242	53	\$808.45	29	\$189.25	\$997.70
11:30 AM	430	130	\$1,504.59	60	\$646.27	\$2,150.86
1:15 PM	88	44	\$445.25	35	\$370.20	\$815.45
Other						
Totals	1122	412	\$ 4,632.33	198	\$ 2,459.97	\$7,092.30

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5932.34

(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

Weekday Readings

Sun * Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 * Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,19 * Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Mon * 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 * Ps 40:7-10, 17 * Lk 7:1-10

Tues * Nm 21:4b-9 * Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 * Jn 3:13-17

Wed * 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 * Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 * Lk 7:31-35

Thurs * 1 Cor 15:1-11 * Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 * Lk 7:36-50

Fri * 1 Cor 15:12-20 * Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15 * Lk 8:1-3

Sat * 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 * Ps 56:10c-14 * Lk 8:4-15

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

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

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

The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister... In memory of Maxima Sencion**.



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THREE PARABLES, THREE FOOLS

One way that some ancient languages formed superlatives was through triple repetition. If there was no word for “holiest” they would say “holy, holy, holy.” This threefold enforcement gets used by Jesus today, as he tells three parables about how God wants nothing more than to have every sinner restored to grace. The central characters would have been considered outright fools by those who heard Jesus: the shepherd abandoning the whole flock to find one stupid, wandering sheep; the woman frantically sweeping, ignoring her other duties, to find the least valuable coin; the father whose son told him, “You’re dead to me, old man,” yet still a father who runs like a giddy adolescent to meet the son, then throws a party. Jesus’ audience had no difficulty believing the fact their Lord and God Adonai loved them. They knew God was filled with boundless mercy and loving-kindness. But please, is God going to act like a crazy fool about it?

WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE?

Jesus’ answer to this would have been, “Yes, my Abba will act like a fool, crazy in love with each of you.” Jesus himself shows forth this kind of love by rupturing the religious regulations and social conventions of his day, eating with tax collectors and all sorts of sinners. At the end of each of the three parables, there is great rejoicing. The shepherd tells his friends to rejoice as heaven will rejoice over a sinner returned. The woman—surely looking like a fool to her neighbors—insists upon rejoicing over the coin found. The prodigal father, in the only mention of music in all of Luke’s Gospel, rejoices by throwing a party for everyone. This degree of foolish rejoicing is echoed in Paul’s letter to Timothy, where Paul explains his gratitude for being found trustworthy for ministry despite every kind of flaw he had working against him. Paul does not think himself necessarily worthy to be chosen, but knows a patient, loving, merciful God in Christ. It is that God who bestowed Paul’s vocation on him, who bestows our own vocations on each of us. Let our own response be gratitude and—even more—rejoicing.

**OUR PARISH IS NOW ON:
YOU TUBE
www.youtube.com/user/SMSGNYC
AND ON FACEBOOK
Search for: Saint Mary Star of the Sea and Saint Gertrude Parish.**

Contact information for:

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St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Parish Memorials

Thank you to all those parishioners who have made memorial donations towards some of the liturgical items needs for Mass and the celebration of the other sacraments. The following items are still available and can be donated to our parish in memory or in Thanksgiving. These items include:

Baptism Towels (8)	\$25.00 each
Cruets (4)	\$99.00 each
Cruets (6)	\$79.00 each
Vestments	\$550.00 each
White, Red, Purple, Green	
Monstrance Case	\$250.00

There is also a larger memorial available. At St. Gertrude’s Church we are in the process of restoring one of our old tabernacles to be used in the main body of the church there. The cost of restoration of this sacred tabernacle is a wonderful memorial for someone to give in memory of a departed loved one. If you would like to memorialize this tabernacle please let me know. The cost is \$3400.00.

Please help us in sponsoring our altar server trip this summer. We would like to take the children that serve at Mass each weekend and the members of the children’s choir to the new Luna Park in Coney Island followed by supper at Nathan’s Famous! Donation envelopes are available at each church. Please consider making a small gift as we reward the generous young people of our parish who serve God through the ministries of our parish!

Altar Server Schedule for Sept. 18-19, 2010

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Daniel & Jose Reina, Daniel Rosario, Zada Vera
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Blanca Castro, Sabrina Ruiz, Cindy Erroa, Adrian Guzman
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Issaiah Brown, Matthew Gardner, Queneesha Scott, Mitchell Brandon
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Jeison Fernandez, Elin, Lisbed & Osbaldo Flores
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Sergio & Estefany Caceres, Jamal Michel, Kevin Robles

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!

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.

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.



VOCATIONS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This brother of yours was dead and has come to life." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

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, September 14th to October 26th, 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!

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA— Thank you for your contribution to last week's second collection for The Catholic University of America! Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to students from dioceses across the country.

ROSARY FOR LIFE invites you to join them for their Annual Anniversary con-celebrated Mass 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, call Rosary For Life, at 718-377-6920.

NIAGARA FALLS TRIP—Our Lady of Good Counsel -Sept. 11th -12th, 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.

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.

RADIO MARIA PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & ROME—The pilgrimage, led by Fr. Walter Tanelotto, C.S. will take place from October 15 to October 24, 2010. The participants will spend 2 nights in Fatima, 3 nights in Lourdes and 3 nights in Rome. The tours of the locations visited along the pilgrimage will be in both English and Italian language. The total cost of the pilgrimage is \$2,950 per person (double occupancy) with the option of extending the stay in Rome for an extra \$100. For more information and to make a reservation, please call 718-417-0550 or visit www.pilgrimage.com/radiomaria to download the itinerary.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$7,092.30****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5932.34****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!



Vigésimo-cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

TRES PARÁBOLAS; TRES LOCOS

En los lenguajes de los pueblos de la antigüedad, una manera de expresar el superlativo era por medio de la repetición triple. Si no tenían una palabra equivalente a “santísimo,” decían “santo, santo, santo”. Esta manera de decir algo tres veces para reforzarlo es la que usa Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy cuando nos cuenta tres parábolas con la misma moraleja: que no hay cosa que Dios desee tanto como que todos los pecadores vuelvan a un estado de gracia. Los personajes centrales de cada una de esas tres parábolas les parecerían tontos o locos a quienes escuchaban a Jesús: el pastor que deja solas a noventa y nueve ovejas para buscar una sola oveja descarriada y terca; la mujer que vira la casa al revés, olvidándose de sus deberes, para encontrar una mísera monedita; el padre cuyo hijo le dice “Viejo, para mí, como si estuvieras muerto”, pero que todavía es la clase de padre que sale corriendo como un muchacho para recibir al ingrato cuando vuelve, y enseguida quiere dar una fiesta. Los oyentes de Jesús no tenían problemas con creer que su Dios y Señor los amaba. Sabían que Dios está lleno de misericordia y compasión infinitas. Pero, ¿llega el amor de Dios hasta el punto de escoger portarse como un loco tonto para demostrar que nos ama?

¿TIENEN QUE VOLVERSE LOCOS PERDIDOS LOS QUE AMAN?

A esta pregunta Jesús hubiera respondido: “Sí, mi Padre se porta como un loco, como un loco perdido de amor, enamorado de cada uno de ustedes”. Jesús mismo nos demuestra ese mismo amor cuando rompe con las reglas religiosas y viola las normas sociales de su época cenando con los cobradores de impuestos y con toda clase de pecadores. Cada una de estas tres parábolas termina con una gran alegría. El pastor les dice a sus amigos que se regocijen porque encontró su oveja, así como los ángeles en el cielo saltan de gozo por cada

pecador que se arrepiente. La mujer –aunque a sus vecinas les parezca ridícula– se empeña en alegrarse, porque al fin encontró la moneda. El padre del hijo pródigo se alegra dando una gran fiesta para todo el vecindario –el único lugar en el Evangelio de San Lucas en que se habla de músicos. Ese grado de loca alegría tiene un eco en la carta de san Pablo a Timoteo, donde Pablo habla de su gratitud por haber sido considerado digno del ministerio, a pesar de todas sus faltas. Pablo no se considera digno de haber sido escogido, pero él ha experimentado en Cristo la paciencia, la misericordia y el amor de Dios. Ese es el Dios que le concedió a Pablo su vocación y que nos concede a cada uno de nosotros nuestra propia vocación. Correspondámonle con gratitud y aun con alegría.

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.

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 la rectoría para mas información.



Si usted es un adulto de 17 años en adelante y no ha recibido sus sacramentos de iniciación, Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación, favor de llamar a la oficina de Lunes a Viernes de 9:00 A.M. a 3:00 P.M. al 718-327-1133 o hable con uno de los diáconos o sacerdotes de la parroquia.

“Descubriendo el Siglo 21”, una organización Pastoral de la Arquidiócesis de New York, esta planificando un viaje a China empezando Noviembre 17-29, 2010. Únase a nosotros y descubra la gran civilización China. Para mayor información favor de llamar al 212-244-4778 o visite nuestra pagina de Internet www.Descubriendoelsiglo21.com. Viajes escriba a RadiosigloXX1@aol.com.