

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 18

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Louise Julien (birthday)
- 7:30 pm – Misa por la Comunidad
Esequiel Rosado (dec), Teodoro Lopez (dec)

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

- 8:15 am – Vanessa Corchia (birthday)
Carmelita Brazzier—Thanksgiving
Evelyn Vega (dec)
- 9:45 am – Hilda Clarke (dec)
Brendan Gutierrez (dec)
- 11:30 am – Leonel Escobar (dec), Mirna Rodriguez (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Frank Englise (dec)

Monday, September 20—St. Andrew Kim Taegon & St. Paul Chong Hasang

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Tuesday, September 21—St. Matthew

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Wednesday, September 22

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Thursday, September 23—St. Pio of Pietrelcina

- 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Friday, September 24

- 12:10 pm – Pauline & Dalip Singh (60th anniv.)
- 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Saturday, September 25

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Mass for the People
- 7:30 pm – Senovia Martinez (dec)

Sunday, September 26—Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Gabriel, Herson & Walderman Rivera (dec)
Frank Englise (dec)
- 9:45 am – Mass available
- 11:30 am – Misa disponible
- 1:15 pm – Lucienne Bonnet (birthday)

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, Annabel Davis, Wiloby & Lukey Snips, Yves Joseph, Luis y Lily Santiago, Bryan Rodriguez, Lydia Morales, Vivian & Edith Hall, Hyacinth Robinson, Patrick Rountree and our faithful departed: Simone Boyer.

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 9-11& 9-12 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Relief	Total Collection
5:00 PM	68	47	\$961.00	27	\$177.27	\$1,138.27
7:30 PM	210	42	\$409.64	19	\$109.07	\$518.71
8:15 AM	181	81	\$1,008.71	29	\$118.10	\$1,126.81
9:45 AM	160	49	\$581.50	27	\$184.72	\$766.22
11:30 AM	350	115	\$1,511.16	53	\$371.20	\$1,882.36
1:15 PM	172	46	\$709.75	10	\$81.63	\$791.38
Other						
Totals	1141	380	\$ 5,181.76	165	\$ 1,041.99	\$6,223.75

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5339.08

(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 * Am 8:4-7 * Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 * Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Mon * Prv 3:27-34 * Ps 15:2-4b, 5 * Lk 8:16-18

Tues * Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 * Ps 19:2-5 * Mt 9:9-13

Wed * Prv 30:5-9 * Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 * Lk 9:1-6

Thurs * Eccl 1:2-11 * Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc * Lk 9:7-9

Fri * Eccl 3:1-11 * Ps 144:1b-2abc, 3-4 * Lk 9:18-22

Sat * Eccl 11:9-12:8 * Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 * Lk 9:43b-45

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.**



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SERVING GOD

The parable of the master and the steward is a troublesome one with many interpretations, some of which can be found in today's Gospel (prudence, making friends, trustworthiness, serving one master). It bothers us that the steward is praised for cheating. But perhaps it is "dishonest wealth" that the steward has been managing for the master all along. In that case we might not be so uncomfortable with the steward's dishonest dealings. We would feel that the steward made things right for the debtors in the parable. Whatever the situation, the steward certainly did *not* serve the interests of the master in the parable. Instead, by easing the burden of the poor debtors, the steward served his own self-interest, the interests of the debtors, and the interest of God "who lifts up the poor" (Psalm 113:7).

LIFTING UP THE POOR

Today's scriptures leave no doubt that lifting up the lowliest in society is essential to serving God, our one and only master. In St. Paul's words, God "wills everyone to be saved"—both spiritually and physically (1 Timothy 2:4). But how are we to assist God in lifting up the poor? Are we to make more time to hold our children in our arms, or to move closer to our aging parents? Should we contribute more money or goods to those less fortunate than we are? Should we defend a co-worker who is being ridiculed, invest in socially responsible stocks, or actively seek legislation to protect the vulnerable in our society?

Each of us must daily discover how to serve God—or risk dire consequences. Today's reading from Amos clearly describes God's disgust with those who "trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!" (Amos 8:4) It is in our own true self-interest to lift up the poor in this life, for when we die it is the lowly ones who will be waiting in paradise to lift us up and welcome us into our "eternal dwellings."

**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.**

Altar Server Schedule for Sept. 25-26, 2010

Sat. 5:00 PM – Thomas & Tatiana Lira, Michael Riley, Bianca Romero
 Sat. 7:30 PM – Rosa Carpio, Krystal Rivera, Axel & Carlos Lopez
 Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques & Katia Mathieu, Michelle Martinez, Cynthia Contreras
 Sun. 11:30 AM – Lucio Manzanares, Chris Hernandez, Irene Mejia, Luisa A. Hernandez
 Sun. 1:15 PM – Vilmar, Henry & Stephan Jean Michel, Breanna Checo

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 Puertorrican 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 "Who will entrust to you the true riches?" The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

HISPANIC CATHOLIC CONGRESS with the theme: "A New Heart to Love & Serve" to be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brooklyn. Admission for the Congress will be \$10 per person. More information to come.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIEGHBORHOOD SERVICES—QUEENS WIC PROGRAM—WIC is a federal supplement nutrition program for women, infant and children. We offer families checks for healthy foods, nutrition counseling and health education, vouchers for the farmer's market, breastfeeding support and referrals for health care and other social services. We are located at 161-10 Jamaica Avenue Suite 306, Jamaica, NY 11432. Telephone: 718-657-2580.



BE QUICK ABOUT IT

Jesus tells the story of a rich man's manager, about to be dismissed for careless inefficiency. This steward acts promptly to ingratiate himself with his master's debtors so that they will owe him favors when he is unemployed. The master compliments him, knowing that the new promissory notes reflect the actual debts minus what the steward added for himself. The master, too, is dishonest because he permitted the graft. Jesus asks us – "the children of light" (Luke 16:8) – to be as Sharp-witted and quick to act as these dishonest men with what God entrusts to us, whether property, abilities, money, health, or life itself. Jesus praises the steward's method, not his purpose, and points out that the real enemy of discipleship is laziness – the constant postponing of full commitment to the life of faith and what that calls us to be and do. Imagine if we all began right now to use the blessings of God to build the kingdom!

Living Stewardship Now

Decide which ministries and charities you will give your time and skills to in the year ahead. Call, e-mail, or fill out card to sign out. Keep track of your commitment, week by week.

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!

**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!

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.

RADIO MARIA PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES & ROME—The pilgrimage, led by Fr. Walter Tonelotto, 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.

SERVICIOS DEL PROGRAMA WIC—WIC es un programa federal de nutrición suplementario para mujeres, bebés y niños. Ofrecemos a las familias cheques como parte de los alimentos saludables, asesoría de nutrición y educación de salud y, los comprobantes para el Mercado del agricultor, apoyo de la lactancia materna y referencias para el cuidado de la salud y otros servicios sociales. Estamos situados en el 161-10 Jamaica Avenue Suite 306, Jamaica, NY 11432. Teléfono: 718-657-2580.

CONGRESO CATOLICO HISPANO con el tema: "Con Un Nuevo Corazón para Amar y Servir" que se llevara a cabo el Sábado 16 de Octubre del 2010 de 9:30 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro en Brooklyn. El costo de este Congreso será \$10 por persona. Mas información mas adelante.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6,228.75

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5339.08

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!



Da una cuenta completa de tu encargo

Vigésimo quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

SERVIR A DIOS

La parábola del amo y el administrador es dificultosa y tiene muchas

interpretaciones, algunas de las cuales se encuentran en el mismo Evangelio de hoy (la prudencia, hacer amigos, ser digno de confianza, servir a un solo amo). Nos molesta que el dueño alabe al administrador por haber hecho trampa. Pero tal vez lo que el administrador manejaba para el amo era una "riqueza deshonestá". En ese caso tal vez no nos sintamos tan incómodos con las trampas del administrador. Nos parecerá entonces que el administrador está haciendo justicia a los deudores del amo. Sea cual fuere la situación, el administrador no estaba sirviendo los intereses de su patrono. Más bien, al aliviar las cargas de los pobres deudores, ese administrador estaba sirviendo su propio interés, los intereses de los deudores y los intereses de Dios, que "levanta del polvo al desvalido" (Salmo 113:7).

LEVANTAR AL DESVALIDO

Las lecturas de hoy no dejan lugar a dudas acerca de que, levantar a los desvalidos de nuestra sociedad es parte esencial de lo que significa servir a Dios, nuestro único amo y Señor. Como nos dice san Pablo: "Dios quiere que todos se salven" –tanto espiritual como físicamente (1 Timoteo 2:4). Pero, ¿cómo vamos a ayudar a Dios a levantar al pobre y al desvalido? ¿Buscaremos el tiempo para abrazar a nuestros hijos e hijas, o para acercarnos más a nuestros padres según van envejeciendo? ¿Debemos de contribuir con más dinero o comida, ropa, etc., para los que tienen menos que nosotros? ¿O defender a un compañero de trabajo que está siendo ridiculizado? ¿Debiéramos tal vez hacer inversiones en las acciones de compañías socialmente responsables, o luchar por conseguir legislación en favor de los miembros más vulnerables de nuestra sociedad?

Cada uno de nosotros tiene que ir descubriendo día a día cómo servir a Dios –o arriesgarnos a sufrir las horribles consecuencias. La primera lectura de hoy, tomada del libro del profeta Amós, nos describe claramente la repugnancia que siente Dios hacia los "explotadores del pobre, que quisieran hacer desaparecer a los humildes" (Amós 8:4). Es por nuestro propio interés que debemos levantar a los desvalidos en esta vida, porque cuando nos llegue la hora de la muerte, ellos son los que nos estarán esperando en el paraíso, para levantarnos y recibirnos en las "moradas eternas".



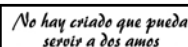
La matrícula para las clases de educación Religiosa se están llevando a cabo en la rectoría para los niños de K-8avo grado.

Todos los niños deben ser matriculados cada año para las clases de Catecismo. Las clases comienzan el 25 de Septiembre. 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.

MINISTERIO DE MUJERES—Se siente usted sola, tiene un bajo estima, ha sido abusada, es madre soltera? Las invitamos al ministerio de mujeres donde se hablaran de estos temas muy importantes de la mujer y usaremos la palabra de Dios para dialogar. Las invitamos el Domingo 19 de Septiembre del 2010 de 1:00 a 2:00 P.M. en la cafetería de la Escuela Santa María.



ACTUA CON DILIGENCIA

Jesús nos relata la historia de un administrador rico que estaba a punto de ser despedido por su descuido e ineficiencia. Este administrador actúa con diligencia para congraciarse con los deudores de su amo y que estos le deban favores cuando el este desempleado. El amo lo halaga, pues sabe que los nuevos pagares reflejan la deuda real sin la cantidad con la cual se quedaba el administrador. También el amo es deshonesto, ya que permitía la corrupción. A nosotros que pertenecemos a la luz (Lucas 16:8), Jesús nos pide que seamos ingeniosos y diligentes – como estos hombres deshonestos – para con lo que Dios nos ha confiado, ya sean propiedades, habilidades, dinero, salud o la vida misma. Jesús elogia el método del administrador, no su propósito, y señala que el verdadero enemigo del discipulado es la pereza, o sea, el estar constantemente posponiendo el compromiso en el trabajo que nos exige la fe. ¡Imaginate que pasaría si todos nosotros ahora mismo empezáramos a usar las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado para la construcción de su reino!

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora—Decide a cuales ministerios y obras de caridad deseas prestar tu tiempo y tus habilidades durante el próximo año. Apúntate y mantente al tanto de tu propio compromiso cada semana.