

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



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Deacon Rene Hernandez

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Lillian Virginia Roundtree

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Yvonne Hall

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:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24.

SCHOOL:

Ms. Angela D. Brucia, Principal
595 B. 19th St., Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691
Phone: 327-2242 Fax: 327-0797

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 24

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – Maria Mercedes Morales (dec)
Luis C. Rodriguez (dec)
Baby Jesus—Thanksgiving
- 7:30 pm – Olga Erazo (dec)
Presentación del bebe Nelson Jesus Torres

Sunday, September 25 -Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Magdalena Layson (dec)
Gabriel, Herson, Waldman & Jim Rivera (dec)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Por las Almas del Purgatorio
- 11:30 am – Petrona Mendoza (dec)
Presentación del bebe Ian Noshua Rosales
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving
Maryanne Santiago—Thanksgiving

Monday, September 26—St. Cosma & St. Damian

- 8:00 am – For the sick and homebound
- 12:10 pm – For the children of the Parish

Tuesday, September 27—St. Vincent de Paul

- 8:00 am – Married Couples
- 12:10 pm – Vocations

Wednesday, September 28—St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

- 8:00 am – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 12:10 pm – For the children of the Parish

Thursday, September 29—St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael, archangels

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Margaret Berliner (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Vocations

Friday, September 30—St. Jerome

- 12:10 pm – For the sick and the homebound
- 7:30 pm – Vocaciones

Saturday, October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – John Schiavone (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Por los niños de la Parroquia

Sunday, October 2 -Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Maria Crespo (dec)
- 11:30 am – Seberina Polanco (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Joseph Pandolfo

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 - \$5071.00
- 2nd Collection last weekend - \$1728.00

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$5466.20

(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 18:25-28 * Ps 25:4-9 * Mt 21:28-32
- Mon** * Zec 8:1-8 * Ps 102:2, 16-23 * Lk 9:46-50
- Tues** * Zec 8:20-23 * Ps 87:1-7 * Lk 9:51-56
- Wed** * Neh 2:1-8 * Ps 137:1-6 * Lk 9:57-62
- Thurs*** Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12 * Ps 138:1-5 * Jn 1:47-51
- Fri** * Bar 1:15-22 * Ps 79:1-5, 8-9 * Lk 10:13-16
- Sat** * Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 * Ps 69:33-37 * Lk 10:17-24

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

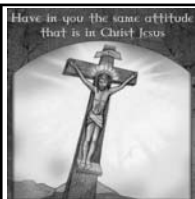
Next English Baptism is Saturday, October 22nd at 1:00 P.M. You MUST register before attending the meeting. Mandatory meeting is Wednesday, October 19th at 7:30 in the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

It is an ancient Christian tradition to request that Mass be offered living and deceased. You may request an announced Mass at the rectory. The customary offering is fifteen dollars. There are a limited number of Masses available between now and the end of the year.



Derrick Heron, Luciano Antonio Cordova, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, Sixto Rivera, Joyce Norden, and our faithful departed: Maria Alicea, Carol Green.



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ON CHANGING A TIRE

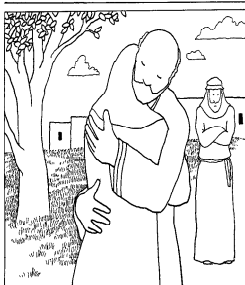
Years ago, a television commercial showed a man driving his car on a rainy night. The man, who looks as though he's had a rough day and just wants to get home, comes across an elderly couple with a flat tire on the side of the road. The man drives past the disabled car, then stops. He can do the right thing—change the flat tire for the couple—and get drenched in the process, or he can keep on going. The expression on his face sums up his torn feelings. He looks as though he wishes he hadn't seen the couple at all. But he has seen them, and in the end, he climbs out of his car to help.

ON CHANGING THE WORLD

It's all about choice, isn't it? Generally, we know what's right and what's wrong. We know the virtuous path. The trouble is, the other path is usually the easier and more expedient one, and often, perhaps, it is our first choice. For those of us who struggle with such choices, what a great Gospel reading! And how comforting it is if—as we do our part in building up the reign of God—we can see ourselves more often than not like the first son, the son who said “no” but then “yes!”

Our choices are our own, and the Lord says that we shall live or die by them. Paul counsels us to choose wisely by taking on the values and attitude of Jesus. The prostitutes and the tax collectors? Yes, they made some bad choices. But when John called them to repentance, they changed their attitudes and came running. Not so the chief priests and the elders. If anything, they ran the other way. That man in the commercial didn't want to change the tire, but in the end, he did. If ultimately we say yes to Jesus, we can all change a whole lot more.

Which of the two did his father's will?



Religious Education Classes for children in grades K-8 started this Saturday, September 17, 2011. Please contact the rectory at 718-327-1133 x 25 for information. You must register your child every year in Religious Education.

The Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude's *2011 Walkathon*

Saturday, September 24, 2011



Thank you to all of the walkers and volunteers who helped to make our September 24, 2011 walkathon a great success. Our parish is truly blessed to have parishioners like you who go above and beyond to help our beloved parish.

To our family, friends, sponsors and donors thank you for your generosity and continuing support.

**Father Fulgencio Gutierrez
and
The 2011 Walkathon Committee**

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY—The Puerto Rican committee invite you to a trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, October 22, 2011. Departure time is 7:30 A.M. from St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude. Cost for the trip is \$40. For more information please call Aida Rodriguez - 718-471-1912.

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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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

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

There are no new updates to report for the Annual Catholic Appeal as of September 19, 2011.

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.*

How do I hear the voice of God in my life? How do I respond? Daughters of Wisdom Discernment Opportunity on Sunday, October 2, 2011 from 2 to 6 P.M. at St. Virgilius Convent, 210 Noel Road, Broad Channel, NY—718-945-2467.

Time to Clean Out the Closet and Help Someone in Need! Donate clean and usable items, clothing, household linens, shoes to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.. Truck pickup scheduled for Saturday, October 8th from 9:00 am to Noon in the St. Rose of Lima School Parking Lot on Beach 84th St. Arrange by the St. Rose of Lima Conference, SV de P.

The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering **Hearing Aid Help** from now until December 7, 2011. This is a **FREE** service and available for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it. Please call the center at 718-990-64 to schedule and appointment. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY.

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).

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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5071.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1728.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5466.20

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!

¿Cuál de los dos hizo la voluntad del padre?



Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

CAMBIANDO UNA LLANTA

Hace años, un anuncio por televisión mostraba a un hombre manejando su automóvil en una noche lluviosa. El hombre, que parecía haber tenido un día difícil y deseaba solamente llegar a su casa, se tropieza en el camino con una pareja de ancianos que tienen una llanta desinflada. El hombre pasa primero de largo, pero después se detiene. Él puede hacer lo correcto —cambiar la llanta a la pareja de ancianos— con lo cual se empaparía, o pudiera seguir su camino. La expresión de su rostro demuestra su dilema. Habría deseado no haber visto a la pareja. Pero los ha visto y por fin se baja de su carro a ayudarlos.

CAMBIANDO AL MUNDO

Es cuestión de escoger, ¿cierto? Generalmente sabemos lo que es bueno y lo que es malo. Conocemos la senda de la virtud. El problema es que el otro camino es generalmente más fácil y rápido y, con frecuencia, quizás es nuestra primera elección. Para aquellos de nosotros que luchamos con esos dilemas, ¡qué lectura evangélica tan excelente! Y ¡cuán reconfortante es —si mientras hacemos lo que nos corresponde para construir el reino de Dios— podemos vernos la mayoría de las veces como el primer hijo, el que dijo “no” pero luego dijo “sí!”.

La decisión es nuestra, y el Señor dice que viviremos o moriremos según lo que escojamos. Pablo nos aconseja que escojamos sabiamente imitando los valores y las actitudes de Jesús. ¿Y qué de las prostitutas y los recaudadores de impuestos? Sí, hicieron decisiones equivocadas, pero cuando Juan los llamó a que se arrepintieran, cambiaron su actitud y vinieron apresurados. No así los sumos sacerdotes y los ancianos. Ellos, si acaso se apresuraron, fue en la otra dirección. Ese hombre del anuncio no quería cambiar la llanta, pero al final lo hizo. Si finalmente le decimos “¡sí!” a Jesús, podremos hacer más y mejores cambios.

Los Ganadores de la Rifa del Baile celebrando la Independencia de Centro América fueron:

Consuelo Rodriguez— Televisión #567559

Nelson Cordova— Cámara Digital #567010

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

Sábado 24 de Septiembre, 2011



Gracias a todos los caminantes y voluntarios que ayudaron a que nuestra Caminata del 24 de septiembre del 2011 fuera todo un éxito. Nuestra parroquia esta verdaderamente bendecida por tener feligreses como usted que van más allá para ayudar a nuestra querida parroquia.

A nuestra familia, amigos, patrocinadores y donantes gracias por su generosidad y apoyo continuo.

**Padre Fulgencio Gutiérrez
y
El Comité de la Caminata 2011**

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

¡¡Hasta el 19 de Septiembre, 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.

CATECISMO—Las clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños en los grados del K-8 comenzaron este Sábado, 17 de Septiembre. Favor de llamar al 718-327-1133 x 25 para mas información.

VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY

El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Atlantic City el Sábado 22 de Octubre del 2011. Salida a las 7:30 A.M. de Santa María Estrella del Mar. Costo por boleto \$40. Para mas información favor de comunicarse con Aida Rodriguez al 718-471-1912.

Inscripción para Bautismos De Infantes

El próximo bautismo en español es el 15 de Octubre a la 1:00 P.M. Se requiere tomar dos clases antes del bautismo que se llevaran a cabo el Martes 4 y 11 de Octubre a las 7:00 P.M. en la rectoría. Es necesario registrarse por lo menos dos semanas antes de venir a las clases.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS— Ha sido una antigua tradición cristiana solicitar que una misa sea ofrecida por una persona en vida o fallecida. En la rectoría usted podrá solicitar que una misa sea anunciada. La donación de una misa es quince dólares. Hay un número limitado de misas disponibles desde ahora hasta el final del año.

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

¿Como puedo escuchar la voz de Dios en mi vida? ¿Cómo puedo responder? Las Hijas de la Sabiduría tendrán una oportunidades de discernimiento el domingo, 2 octubre del 2011 de 2 a 6 pm en el Convento de San Virgilio, 210 Noel Road, Broad Channel, NY-718-945-2467.

Rosario Por La Vida les invitan a unirse a ellos el Viernes, 7 de octubre del 2011 en su aniversario con una Misa concelebrada en la Parroquia del Buen Pastor, 1950 Batchelder, Brooklyn, NY. (Belt Parkway, salida 11N Rings Plaza.) Obispo Frank J. Caggiano, Obispo Auxiliar de Brooklyn, será el celebrante principal y Homilista. El Rosario precederá a la misa a las 7:00 pm. Para más información, llame a Rosario por la Vida al 718-377-6920.

Es hora de limpiar su armario y ayudar a los más necesitados! Donando artículos de limpieza y útiles, ropa, ropa de cama, zapatos a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl. Una camioneta estará programada para recoger estos artículos el sábado 8 de octubre desde 9:00 am hasta el mediodía en el estacionamiento de la Escuela de Santa Rosa de Lima en la Calle 84th. Organizado por el SV de P. de Santa Rosa de Lima.