

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



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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 25

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Mass for the People
Ronald J. Zogby (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Senovia Martinez (dec)
Ana Hernandez (dec)
Barbara Cardona (dec)

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

- 8:15 am – Gabriel, Herson & Walderman Rivera (dec)
Frank Englise (dec)
Joseph Villadiego (birthday)
- 9:45 am – Juan Carlos Montero (birthday)
Joseph Villagiego (birthday)
- 11:30 am – Ricardo Antonio Montano (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Lucienne Bonnet (birthday)

Monday, September 27—St. Vincent de Paul

- 8:00 am – Patrick McAndrews (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Tuesday, September 28—St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence

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

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

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

Thursday, September 30—St. Jerome

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

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

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Saturday, October 2—The Guardians Angels

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Joseph Pandolfo (dec)
John Schiavone (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Marvin Alexis Gonzalez (dec)

Sunday, October 3—Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Eugene Turner (dec)
Nigerian Independence Day—Thanksgiving
- 9:45 am – Maria Crespo (dec)
- 11:30 am – Misa por la Comunidad
- 1:15 pm – Mass available

PLEASE PRAY for Robert Cunningham, Angela Rivara, Zoila Yepez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Beulah Harris, Luis Rodriguez, Annabel Davis, Wiloby & Lukey Snips, Yves Joseph, Luis y Lily Santiago, Vivian & Edith Hall, Hyacinth Robinson, Patrick Rountree and our faithful departed: Luis Angel Mendoza Ávila.

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 9-18 & 9-19 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Relief	Total Collection
5:00 PM	58	25	\$377.26	15	\$117.10	\$494.36
7:30 PM	159	44	\$555.90	30	\$199.30	\$755.20
8:15 AM	227	87	\$1,730.88	44	\$368.66	\$2,099.54
9:45 AM	206	47	\$625.01	24	\$194.50	\$819.51
11:30 AM	481	119	\$1,371.49	67	\$756.50	\$2,127.99
1:15 PM	142	45	\$805.66	30	\$195.67	\$1,001.33
Other						
Totals	1273	367	\$ 5,466.20	210	\$ 1,831.73	\$7,297.93

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5730.98

(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

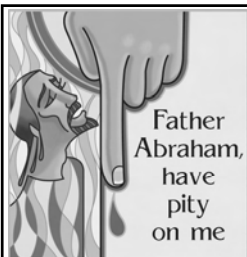
Sun * Am 6:1a, 4-7 * Ps 146:7-10 * Lk 16:19-31
Mon * Jb 1:6-22 * Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 * Lk 9:46-50
Tues * Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 * Ps 88:2-8 * Lk 9:51-56
Wed * Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, *or* Rv 12:7-12a * Ps 138:1-5 * Jn 1:47-51
Thurs * Jb 19:21-27 * Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 * Lk 10:1-12
Fri * Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 * Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab * Lk 10:13-16
Sat * Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 * Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 * Lk 10:17-24

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

*The bread and wine are given in memory of **Senovia Martinez.***

*The sanctuary candle is given in memory of **Senovia Martinez.***

*The flowers are given in memory of **Senovia Martinez.***



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“WOE TO THE COMPLACENT”

In the time of the prophet Amos a few people enjoyed a superabundance of material goods. But it wasn't the wealth itself that the prophet saw as problematic. Amos preached against the complacency that deafened the wealthy to the cries of the poor and prevented them from alleviating their suffering. Even worse, complacency blinded them to the ways in which their own habits of doing business, buying, and consuming goods contributed to the oppression of the needy on their doorsteps.

In our own time Americans consume several times their share of the world's natural resources, while millions of people cannot obtain basic necessities. On a global scale, as the rich get richer the poor get poorer. The high standard of living in one country, region, or social class almost always seems to come at the expense of extreme poverty in other countries, regions, or social classes.

LISTEN AND REPENT

The scriptures for today urge us to change all that before it is too late. The letter to Timothy calls us to live in readiness for the “appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Timothy 6:14), when all will be judged and rewarded according to their deeds. No clearer illustration could be drawn than the parable Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. Lazarus, the poorest of the poor, is rewarded with eternal comfort, while the complacent rich man finds himself in eternal torment.

Those of us who live in comfort can't afford to be complacent about the chasm between the rich and the poor. It was bad enough that the people of Amos' time were deaf to the cries of the oppressed. We Christians have the added benefit of hearing the message from someone who rose from the dead. Today's scriptures warn us to listen and repent. If we don't ease Lazarus' torment now, we must be prepared to suffer the consequences.

Altar Server Schedule for Oct. 2-3, 2010

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Sergio & Estefany Caceres, Daniel Rosario, Zada Vera
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Jeison Fernandez, Elin, Lisbeth & Osbaldo Flores
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Isaiah Brown, Rosa Carpio, Samantha Hassin, Mitchell Brandon
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Andrea Colon, Daniel, Jose & Raquel Reina
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Matthew Gardner, Queneesha Scott, Kevin C.M.Robles

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. JIM...

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are no words that can describe how grateful I am to all of you for your overwhelming outpouring of love and support at my farewell on September 8th. It was an amazing night and one that I will not forget for a long time to come. My mother, and the members of my family, are still talking about the entire evening. I am grateful to all those who worked so hard to make the night so special for me. I truly felt your wonderful and generous love that has supported me over the years while I was your pastor. It will take me some time to write thank you notes to all of you individually but please know how grateful I am for all of your support and affirmation.

Over the last two weeks I have been adjusting to life in a new parish. The people of Holy Name have welcomed me with open arms, and for that I am so grateful. I know that as you all work with Msgr. Bracken in the weeks and months ahead your parish will continue to grow in love and service of the Lord Jesus. Please know that I will always feel part of this great parish family. I will hold St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Parish in my heart forever. I hope that you will come and visit me at Holy Name sometime in the future. We have 5 weekend Masses here (4 in English and 1 in Spanish.) You are always welcome. Please know that all of you will be remembered in my prayers and Masses this week during the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Germany. Thank you again for your support, friendship and love. I will always be grateful.

With Love in Christ,
 Father Jim Cunningham
 Holy Name of Jesus Parish
 FRJIMHOLYNAME@aol.com

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.

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.



VOCATIONS -Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—“Fight the good fight of the faith.” Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454.

Celebrate Your Family



FAMILY DAY (Sept. 27)

September 27 has been designated as "Family Day" - a day to eat dinner with your children. Research has consistently found that children who have frequent family dinners are less likely to use marijuana, tobacco and drink alcohol. "Family Day" is a national initiative to remind parents that what their kids really want at the dinner table is **THE PARENT!!!**

With the many changes in moral and social behavior and with the deterioration in society's religious values, families have lost their sense of belonging and in many cases it is very difficult for parents to pass on the faith to their children. Dinner time is the perfect time to connect; through the reflective prayers said during grace plus the array of favorite meals served and the loads of laughs shared about the day's events, parents can help continually feed their child's mind, body and soul.

HEALING MASS – Thursday, October 14, 2010 at St. Francis De Sales Church. Celebrant: Fr. Jeffrey Dillon, Pastor – Christ the King. Sponsored by: Charismatic Renewal, Diocese of Brooklyn, and hosted by St. Francis de Sales' Prayer Group.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR – You are invited to come and see beginning on Thursday (5 weeks) Oct. 21, 2010 at 7:30 pm and ending Thursday, November 18 at St. Francis de Sales Church. For further information call: 718-643-8758.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE—Saturday, November 6th from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 68 Wanser Avenue, Inwood. To reserve a table it's \$30.00 for the day. Please reserve your table by October 29th. For more information, please call 516-239-7025 or 516-239-0953.

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.

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.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7,297.93

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5730.98

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!

Celebren su Familia



EL DIA DE LA FAMILIA (27 de Septiembre)

El 27 de Septiembre ha sido seleccionado para celebrar "El Día de la Familia" - este debe de ser un día para disfrutar la cena junto a sus hijos. Estudios han hallado que los hijos que disfrutaban cenas familiares son menos propensos a fumar marihuana, o cigarrillos o a beber alcohol. "El Día de la Familia" es una iniciativa nacional que pretende recordarles a los padres que lo que los chicos en realidad desean a la hora de la cena es tener al padre o la madre a la mesa.

Con los muchos cambios ocurridos en las normas morales y sociales, y que han conllevado a un deterioro de los valores religiosos de la sociedad, las familias han ido perdiendo su sentido de pertenencia, y en muchos casos es muy difícil para los padres transmitir la fe a sus hijos. La hora de la cena es el tiempo perfecto para reconectar, por medio de las oraciones hechas antes de la cena mas las comidas favoritas servidas y las carcajadas compartidas sobre los eventos del día, los padres pueden contribuir a la nutrición mental, corporal y espiritual de sus hijos.



Vigésimo-sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“¡AY DE USTEDES, QUE VIVEN TRANQUILOS EN SIÓN!”

En los días del profeta Amós, sólo unos pocos gozaban de abundantes bienes materiales. Pero lo que el profeta encontraba problemático no era la riqueza en sí. Lo que Amós atacaba era la auto-satisfacción, la comodidad mental que cerraba los oídos de los ricos para no escuchar los gemidos de los pobres y para no aliviarlos en sus sufrimientos. Peor aún, esta auto-satisfacción los cegaban y no podían ver el modo en que su manera habitual de hacer negocios, de comprar y de consumir contribuía a la opresión de los necesitados en sus propias calles y vecindarios.

En nuestros días los estadounidenses consumen mucho más que su porción justa de los recursos naturales del planeta, mientras que a millones de personas les faltan las necesidades más indispensables. A una escala global, los ricos se van haciendo cada vez más ricos y los pobres cada vez más pobres. Los altos niveles de vida de un país, región o clase social, casi siempre parecen alcanzarse a costa de la extrema pobreza de otros países, regiones o clases sociales.

ESCUCHEN Y ARREPIÉNTANSE

Las lecturas de hoy nos exhortan a que cambiemos todo eso antes de que sea demasiado tarde. La carta a Timoteo nos llama a vivir siempre listos para la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo (1 Timoteo 6:14) cuando todos seremos juzgados y recompensados según nuestras obras. Para ilustrar esto, nada puede ser más claro que la parábola que Cristo nos cuenta en el Evangelio de hoy. Lázaro, el más pobre de los pobres, recibe una recompensa eterna, mientras que el rico satisfecho de sí mismo se encuentra entre tormentos eternos.

Los que vivimos cómodamente no podemos darnos el lujo de ser inertes frente al abismo que existe entre ricos y pobres. Ya era bastante con que la gente de los tiempos de Amós se hicieran los sordos ante el clamor de los oprimidos. Nosotros los cristianos tenemos la ventaja de escuchar este mensaje de Aquél que resucitó de entre los muertos. Las lecturas de hoy nos exhortan a escuchar y arrepentirnos. Si no aliviamos el tormento de Lázaro ahora, debemos prepararnos para sufrir las consecuencias.

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.

UNA NOTA DE AGRADECIMIENTO DEL PADRE JIM...

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

No tengo palabras que puedan describir mi agradecimiento hacia todos ustedes por la gran demostración de amor y apoyo durante la celebración de mi despedida el 8 de septiembre. Fue una noche increíble que siempre recordare. Mi madre y toda mi familia todavía están hablando de esa noche. Le estoy muy agradecido a todos aquellos que trabajaron fuerte para que esa noche fuera especial para mí. Realmente sentí todo ese generoso y maravilloso amor que me dio apoyo durante los años que fui su párroco. Me tomará algún tiempo poder escribir notas de agradecimiento a todos individualmente, pero por favor sepan que les estoy muy agradecido a todos por su apoyo y afirmación.

Durante estas dos últimas semanas me he estado adaptando a la vida en una nueva parroquia. La gente del Santo Nombre me ha dado la bienvenida con los brazos abiertos, y les estoy muy agradecido. Yo sé que si ustedes colaboran con el Monseñor Bracken durante las semanas y meses que siguen su parroquia seguirá creciendo en amor y servicio al Señor. Quiero que sepan que siempre me sentiré como parte de su gran familia parroquial. Siempre llevare a la Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis en mi corazón. Espero que ustedes puedan venir a visitarme a la Parroquia El Santo Nombre algún día en el futuro. Aquí tenemos 5 misas durante el fin de semana (4 en inglés y 1 en español.) Ustedes siempre son bienvenidos. Quiero que sepan que siempre les recordare en mis oraciones y las misas durante esta semana de la Peregrinación Diocesana en Alemania.

Muchísimas gracias a todos por su apoyo, amor y amistad. Siempre les estaré muy agradecido.

Con Amor en Cristo,

Padre Jim Cunningham

Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús

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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.

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.