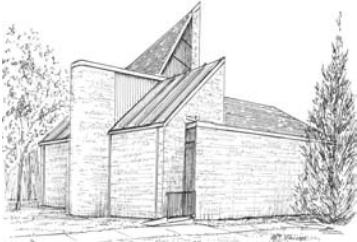


St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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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 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Saturday
9:00 at St. Gertrude's - Thursday
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 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 Every Friday 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.

**Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M.
Mass**

Nigerian Committee: 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 29, 2012 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
- 5:00 pm - For the Souls in Purgatory
- 7:30 pm - Presentación del bebe José Patricio Ayala Romero

Sunday, September 30, 2012 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Gabriel, Herson, Waldman & Jim Rivera (dec)
John Norden (dec)
Surajee John (healing)
- 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Maria Crespo (dec)
Esther & Frankie Latchman (dec)
John Norden (dec)
Martina Quiñones (dec)
Felipe Barrios (dec)
In Thanksgiving to Parishioners for Prayers
- 11:30 am - Zacarias Delgado - Acción de Gracias
Blanca Duran (cumpleaños)
Presentación de la bebe Katherine Ramos
Presentación de la bebe Emily Gomez
Presentación de la bebe Katherine Emilia Gonzalez
Presentación de la bebe Emely E. Lira Rosales
- 1:15 pm - Mass available
- 5:00 pm - Memorial Mass for Patricia Igwe (Nee Anawonah)

Monday, October 1, 2012 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 - The Holy Guardian Angels

- 12:10 pm - Joseph Pandolfo (dec)

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, October 4, 2012 - St. Francis of Assisi

- 9:00 am - (St. Gertrude) Miriam George (birthday)
- 12:10 pm - For all Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 5, 2012

- 12:10 pm - For all Souls in Purgatory
- 7:30 pm - Maria Josefa Almonte Collado (dec)

**Saturday, October 6, 2012 - St. Bruno
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher**

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
- 5:00 pm - John Schiavone (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Enriqueta Covarrubias (dec)

Sunday, October 7, 2012 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Nicole Lake (healing)
Gregory Baptiste (healing)
- 9:45 am - (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 11:30 am - Misa disponible
- 1:15 pm - Petrolina Chukwu (birthday)
Nigerian Catholic Community - Thanksgiving

**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 - \$6500.75
Second Collection - \$1395.00**

First Collection Last Year: \$5205.45

(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** * Nm 11:25-29 * Ps 19:8,10,12-14 * Mk 9:39-43,45,47-48
- Mon** * Jb 1:6-22 * Ps 17:1-3, 6-7 * Lk 9:46-50
- Tues** * Jb 3:1-3,11-17, 20-23 * Ps 88:2-8 * Mt 18:1-5,10
- Wed** * Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 * Ps 88:10-15 * Lk 9:57-62
- Thurs** * Jb 19:21-27 * Ps 27:7-9, 13-14 * Lk 10:1-12
- Fri** * Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5 * Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14 * 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

The Sick and Our Faithful Departed



Carmen Garces, Betty Leon, Gilma Serpas, Emilia Melendez, John McCabe, John Conway, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, Carmelita Brazzier, Fran Clark, Marie Sanful, Emmanuel & Louise Julien and our faithful departed.

MEMORIAL MASS

Please join me on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. to celebrate a Mass in honor of my late sister Mrs. Patricia Igwe (Nee Anawonah).

**Thanks
Fr. Fred Anawonah**

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass for Ms. Sarah King will be celebrated on October 6, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. Ms. King worked at St. Mary Star of the Sea School as a volunteer for many years.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE!



Infant Baptism Registration

Next English Baptism is Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. You MUST register before attending the class. Mandatory class is Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:30 in the McKenna Center.



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUTSIDERS AND INSIDERS

Since the Second Vatican Council, Catholics have been led to a deeper awareness of the universal call to holiness rooted in baptism. This call to holiness, that we once thought we alone possessed, we now know to be true of all the baptized. Division among those who have followed the Lord Jesus has been around since the very beginning of Christianity. Jesus' apostles complained to him about others, outside their circle, who were driving out demons in the name of the Lord. Jesus set them straight by telling them that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40). Imagine what the world would be like if we were able to lay down the divisions that exist among us and work together, inspired by God, to bring peace and justice to those who are in need.

UNITY AND THE CALL TO HOLINESS

In John's Gospel, the Lord utters a long final discourse in which he prays that his disciples and all who follow him will become one. It is a sad reality that in a world marked by division, even those who are baptized into Christ Jesus frequently cannot come together in unity to work toward building God's reign. We often expect the leaders of the Christian churches to do the work of Christian unity. In reality, that work begins within our homes, neighborhoods, schools, civic organizations, and places of business. In today's Gospel from Mark, the Lord tells his followers that they should cut away any part of their bodies that leads them into sinfulness. The Church—the Body of Christ—sometimes needs to take a look at itself to see if there is anything that needs to be cut away. Disunity is perhaps one of those things about us that we need to cut off in order to reflect the face of Christ more fully.

Altar Server Assignments for Sept. 29-30, 2012

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Jamal Michel, Bianca Salonga
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Michelle Martinez, Kristal Rivera, Blanca Castro
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques Mathieu, Bianca Romero, Chibuikem Chukwu
- Sun. 9:45 – Jorge Santizo, Brittany Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Osvaldo Flores, Lisbed Flores, Evin Flores, Carlos Lopez
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Samantha Hasin, Henry Jean-Michel, Stephan Jean-Michel

QUESTIONS TO ASK GOD



- Am I doing all I can to live in harmony with my family, co-workers, fellow parishioners, and people in my community?
- Do my public behavior and private behavior consistently reflect my belief in you and gratitude for all your blessings?
- Am I doing all I can to follow you, or only the least I can get away with?
- What ministries, services, or programs are you asking me to support in my parish?
- Am I praying to you for favors and answers, when I could be praying for opportunities to see solutions and act upon them?
- How do you wish me to serve the community in which I live?
- Since you invited the rich young man (Matthew 19:16–30) to give away all that he had and follow you, are you calling me to do the same and be a priest or religious?
- Am I hanging on to money and possessions because I am fearful of not having enough?
- Instead of asking, "Why should I give this away?" do you want me to ask, "Why shouldn't I give this away?"
- How can I communicate better with my spouse and children so we can all become generous disciples?
- Am I living so that others say of me, "What a great success," or to have you say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"?
- Am I really in danger of giving too much too soon? Or is the real danger giving too little too late?
- When I die, what will I wish I had given while I still had the chance?
- Can you help me close the gap between what I'll wish then that I'd given and what I'm actually giving now—of my time, my skills, and the money I have?

Living Stewardship Now

Use these questions to spark family discussion, conversation with your spouse, or as the focus of personal prayer. Ask God to make you open to the "still, small voice" of the Lord.

Washington DC

There are no seats available but there is a waiting list. Final payment is due **before October 15, 2012.** For more information, please call the rectory office 718-327-1133.



Volunteers are urgently needed for the Pantry on Mondays and Fridays. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Susan Singh Smith at the rectory 718-327-1133 ext. 25.

Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

We have just over 3 months to go!

As of September 21, 2012, our pledges total \$57,367.00, based 275 commitments. We have over 1100 registered parishioners and less than 23% have made a pledge. We just 3 months left in this 2012 campaign, I know that we can do more! Please consider making your pledge today. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

We look forward to receiving commitments from at least 325 more of our parishioners. Please join your fellow parishioners in supporting this most important fundraising activity for our beloved parish.

If you have not made a pledge at all, please be sure to make it as soon as possible. We need the support of all parishioners. Please consider making at least a one-time pledge and payment.

We have collected \$36,385.00 so far. Even though we've reached our diocesan goal, we still must collect all of the pledged money in order to satisfy our diocesan goal and to help our parish. We still need to collect nearly \$8000.00 more before the end of the year to satisfy our diocesan obligation.

REMEMBER: *that every dollar over \$44,489.00 that is collected is returned to our parish. Please continue to make your payments before December 31, 2012.*

MOVIE NIGHT

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude invite you to Friday Nights Movie Nights At the McKenna Center

Save the Dates: October 19
& November 16, 2012

7:30 P.M.

Young adults: Ages 20-35

Popcorn, soda, candy will be served.

For information contact Yvette: 917-334-7136

OPEN HOUSE

St. Francis Preparatory School
Fresh Meadows, Queens
718-423-8810

Saturday, October 20, 2012
From 12:00 till 4:30 P.M.

Grades 9-12

Auditorium Presentations: 12:15, 1:15, 2:15 & 3:30 P.M.

OPEN HOUSE—The Mary Louis Academy, 176-21 Wexford Terrace Mother Louis Way, Jamaica Estates, NY is planning an Open House for 7th and 8th grades on Sunday, October 14, 2012 from 10 AM to 3 PM. For information, please call 718-297-2120 or visit www.tmla.org

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6500.75

Segunda Colecta: \$1395.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5205.45

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 Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LOS DE ADENTRO Y LOS DE AFUERA

Desde el Concilio Vaticano II a los católicos se les ha orientado hacia una conciencia más profunda al llamado universal a la santidad arraigada en el bautismo. Sabemos ahora que este llamado a la santidad, que creíamos que solamente nosotros los católicos poseíamos, ahora sabemos que se aplica a todos los bautizados. La división entre los seguidores del Señor Jesús ha existido desde el comienzo mismo del cristianismo. Los apóstoles se quejaron a Jesús de que otras personas, fuera de su círculo, estaban expulsando a los demonios en nombre del Señor. Jesús puso las cosas en claro al decirles que “el que no está contra nosotros está con nosotros”. Imagínate cómo sería el mundo si dejáramos las divisiones existentes entre nosotros y trabajaríamos juntos, inspirados por Dios, para llevar la paz y la justicia a los necesitados.

UNIDAD Y EL LLAMADO A LA SANTIDAD

En el Evangelio de San Juan, el Señor pronuncia un discurso final en el que ora para que sus discípulos y todos los que lo siguen sean uno. Es una triste realidad que, en un mundo marcado por la división, hasta los bautizados en Jesucristo con frecuencia no pueden trabajar juntos para construir el Reino de Dios. Muchas veces esperamos que los dirigentes de las iglesias cristianas emprendan la obra de la unidad cristiana. Ese trabajo, en realidad, empieza en nuestros hogares, vecindarios, escuelas, organizaciones cívicas y centros de trabajo. En el Evangelio de hoy el Señor le dice a sus seguidores que deben cortar cualquier parte de su cuerpo que los induzca al pecado. La Iglesia —el Cuerpo de Cristo— algunas veces necesita mirarse a sí misma para saber si hay algo que es necesario cortar. La desunión es quizás una de esas cosas que necesitamos cortar para reflejar más plenamente el rostro de Cristo.

MIS PREGUNTAS PARA DIOS



¿Demuestro mi gratitud por todas tus bendiciones?
 ¿Hago todo lo que puedo por seguirte o hago sólo el mínimo esfuerzo?
 ¿Qué ministerios, servicios o programas de mi parroquia me pides que apoye?
 ¿Rezo para pedir favores y respuestas en vez de pedirte oportunidades?
 ¿Me estás pidiendo abandonar mi vida presente para ser sacerdote o religiosa?
 ¿Escatimo mi dinero y mis posesiones por temor a no tener suficiente?
 ¿Cómo podemos mi familia y yo llegar a ser discípulos más generosos?
 ¿Quiero que la gente diga de mí “¡cuánto éxito!” o mejor que tú me digas “te felicito, siervo bueno y fiel”?
 Cuando muera, ¿qué quisiera haber dado mientras tuve la oportunidad?
 ¿Puedes ayudarme a salvar la distancia que existe entre lo que desearía haber dado y lo que realmente doy actualmente, como mi tiempo, mis habilidades y mi dinero?

La responsabilidad vivida ahora — Usa estas preguntas para incitar un diálogo familiar, una conversación con tu cónyuge o como punto central de tu oración. Pídele a Dios que te haga sensible al susurro de su voz.



TESTIMONIO DE LA DRA. GLORIA POLO

La Dra. Gloria Polo estará con nosotros para compartir su testimonio después de experimentar la muerte causada por un rayo y cuenta las experiencias que tuvo durante su paro cardiaco.

Fecha: Domingo 21 de Octubre del 2012
 Hora: 2 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
 Donación: \$5.00 por persona



Concluiremos con una Hora Santa y Oración de Sanación.

Washington, DC

Tenemos una lista de espera. Favor de llamar a la rectoría al 718-327-1133 para mas información. El pago final debe ser recibido **antes del 15 de octubre 2012.**

RETIRO – Se les invita a todos los Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, Ujieres y el Coro a un retiro el día 1 de Diciembre del 2012 de 9:00am a 3:30pm en Douglaston. Valor \$25. Favor comunicarse con Zoila Herrera al 516-633-6017.

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

Solo nos faltan 3 meses mas!

Hasta el 21 de Septiembre del 2012, todos los compromisos llegaron a un total de **\$57,367.00** basado en **275** promesas. Nuestra parroquia tiene por los menos **1100** miembros y solo el 23% han hecho su promesa. Solo faltan 3 meses para finalizar la campaña 2012, sabemos que podemos hacer mucho mas. Por favor traten de hacer una promesa hoy. Muchas gracias a todos por su generosidad.

Esperamos recibir por lo menos **325** promesas mas de nuestros feligreses. Por favor trate de apoyar nuestra querida parroquia con esta campaña.

Si usted no ha hecho su promesa, trate de hacerla lo mas pronto posible. Necesitamos el apoyo de nuestros feligreses.

Hasta ahora hemos recaudado la cantidad de **\$36,385.00** . Aunque ya alcanzamos nuestra meta diocesana todavía necesitamos coleccionar por lo menos **\$8,000** mas antes que finalice el año para poder ayudar a nuestra parroquia.

Recuerde: Cada dólar sobre los \$44,489.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Por favor hagan sus pagos antes del 31 de Diciembre, 2012.

NOCHE DE PELICULA EN INGLES

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis los invita a los Viernes de Película
 En el Centro McKenna

Anote Estas Fechas: 19 de octubre
 y 16 de noviembre del 2012

7:30 P.M.

Jóvenes de edades 20-35

Para más información favor llamar a Yvette: 917-334-7136



Inscripción para Bautismos De Infantes

El próximo bautismo en Español es el 20 de Octubre del 2012 a la 1:00 P.M. Se requiere tomar una clase antes del bautismo que se llevara a cabo el Martes 16 de Octubre a las 7:00 P.M. en el sótano de la rectoría. Deberá registrarse por lo menos dos semanas antes de venir a la clase.

MISA MEMORIAL -Acompáñeme este Domingo 30 de Septiembre del 2012 a las 5:00 P.M. para la celebración de una Misa en honor de mi difunta hermana Mrs. Patricia Igwe (Nee Anawonah). **Gracias, Padre Fred Anawonah**

MISA MEMORIAL—El 6 de Octubre del 2012 se celebrara una Misa en memoria de la Sra. Sarah King a las 10:30 A.M. La Sra. King trabajo en la Escuela Santa María como voluntaria en la oficina por muchos años.

¡Que descanse en Paz!