

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



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## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
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## PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, Ext. 25

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

## MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24.

## 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Saturday, October 8*

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – Vocations
- 7:30 pm – Enriqueta Covarrubias (dec)

*Sunday, October 9 -Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Leocadia Ayala (dec)  
Martina Quiñones (dec)
- 11:30 am – Maria Luca Perez (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Eugene Turner (dec)

*Monday, October 10*

- 9:00 am – Jim Rivera (dec)  
Judette Family—Thanksgiving

*Tuesday, October 11*

- 8:00 am – St. Anthony—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Married Couples

*Wednesday, October 12*

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

*Thursday, October 13*

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

*Friday, October 14—St. Callistus I*

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

*Saturday, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus*

- 12:10 pm – For those serving in the Armed Forces
- 5:00 pm – Patrick Gracey (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Jesus El Nazareno

*Sunday, October 16 -Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Mercedes De Becerra (dec)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Vocaciones
- 11:30 am – Maria Teresa Lemus (cumpleaños)  
Ernestina Torres (dec)  
Rolando Fajardo (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving



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

The Rectory Office will be closed this Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M.



**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 - \$5387.00
- 2nd Collection last weekend - \$1600.00

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$6069.31**

**(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** \* Is 25:6-10a \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**Mon** \* Rom 1:1-7 \* Ps 98:1-4 \* Lk 11:29-32

**Tues** \* Rom 1:16-25 \* Ps 19:2-5 \* Lk 11:37-41

**Wed** \* Rom 2:1-11 \* Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 \* Lk 11:42-46

**Thurs**\* Rom 3:21-30 \* Ps 130:1-6 \* Lk 11:47-54

**Fri** \* Rom 4:1-8 \* Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 \* Lk 12:1-7

**Sat** \* Rom 4:13,16-18 \* Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 \* Lk 12:8-12

**Mass for the Physically Challenged**

Saturday Oct. 22, a special Mass for the Physically Challenged will be celebrated at 2 P.M. in St. Gertrude Church (wheelchair accessible), Arverne. The challenged, the caregivers, family and friend are welcome.



**Infant Baptism Registration**

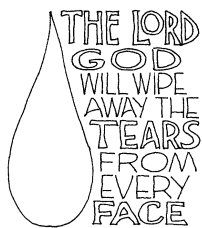
Next English Baptism is Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 P.M. You MUST register before attending the meeting. Mandatory meeting is Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the rectory.

**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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A PASTORAL RESPONSE

When I was studying for the priesthood at the archdiocesan seminary in Boston, the seminarians attended the annual Chrism Mass as a group at the cathedral. At the Chrism Mass, the diocesan bishop blesses the oils to be used in parishes throughout the diocese for the coming year. The Archbishop of Boston at the time, the late Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, was presiding at a particularly memorable one. That year, a young woman, who lived with an emotional disability and was obviously in quite a bit of distress, rushed toward the table that held the oils, grasped one of the vessels and began pouring the oil all over herself. She prayed aloud as she did so. Most of those in attendance at the cathedral stood by in shocked silence, except for one person. Cardinal Medeiros approached the distraught woman and gently placed his hands on hers. He offered soothing words and a pastoral embrace. Her expression immediately changed from twisted and frightened to calm and peaceful.

### GOD'S WELCOMING LOVE

Each time I hear today's Gospel about the king who gave a wedding feast I think of Cardinal Medeiros' actions that day. The king in the parable asks his servants to invite all people, those perceived as "good" and those perceived as "bad," to the banquet when the regular invited guests do not show up. At Boston's Chrism Mass that year, one who might have been perceived as "bad" had entered the cathedral and done something that was unacceptable. Yet the cardinal saw fit to comfort her in her distress. His actions were very much like the king's in today's parable—which are a sign to us of God's way of acting. God's embrace extends to all, the good and bad alike. Let us praise God for a welcoming love that does not make distinctions. All are called to holiness.



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.

**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.

### Congratulations to all the teenagers who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 1:15 P.M. Sunday Mass.

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| Greilyn Acencio     | Lloyd Joseph            |
| Ivonne Aguiar       | Armani Langston         |
| Melyssa Arguello    | Thomas Lira             |
| Caitlin Arroyo      | Emely Martinez          |
| Raul Bautista       | Brigitte Mercado        |
| Ashley Calle        | Peter Naraine           |
| Christopher Carpio  | Kevin Robles            |
| Rosa Carpio         | Mario Romero            |
| Adaugo Ckukwu       | Eizle Salonga           |
| Jennifer Garcia     | Brittany Santizo-Lanuza |
| Samantha Hasin      | Joseph Santizo-Lanuza   |
| Raymond Haynes      | Anabel Santos           |
| Angelica Hernandez  | Michel Solano Tovar     |
| Stephan Jean Michel | Stephanie Tortola       |
| Vilmar Jean Michel  | Ledy Turcios            |
| Alejandra Zarate    |                         |

### 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

**As of October 3, 2011, our pledges total \$57,008.62. So far, we have received \$39,159.12 . Our Diocesan Commitment is \$444, 489.00. We are short by \$5329.88.**

With just under two months left in the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign, I urge you to honor your pledge by making payments as soon as possible. December 31, 2010 is marks the end of the campaign. It is not too late to make a new pledge and payment now.

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.**

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

for Saturday, September 24, 2011



As promised, the new total for the walkathon is \$20,658.73. WOW!!! And can you believe that I am still getting calls from donors? There may yet be another update.

**On behalf of Father Fulgencio, thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity.**

*From the Desk of Deacon Mike:*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing St Mary Star of the Sea and St Gertrude's CCD Program to further the Spiritual Growth and Religious Education of your children. This year we are planning to do some wonderful things that I am sure you will appreciate. But to be successful, we need your full support and participation. This year's Motto is "The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together".

When we say "family" we mean your own family at home of course, but we also me the family you have right here in our beloved parish. Together, we are ONE!!!! We are ONE faith, ONE Body... ONE family in Christ! We encourage each of you to read the letters we will be sending you...we also ask you to recite the special family prayers we will be sending home with your children... and most of all we remind you to PRAY the HOLY ROSARY often with the kids!!!

This year we will go back to the SUNDAY CHILDREN's MASS. Starting October 30, at the 1:15pm Mass and thereafter on the last Sunday of each subsequent month at 1:15pm, we want the children to come to that Special Children's Mass. Attendance will be taken at that Mass. The children will sit with their class at these Masses. WATCH and SEE WHAT HAPPENS!!!!!! This will be awesome!!! You will see!!!

This year we are soooooooooooooooooooooo pleased to have Miss Carmen Macfie as our CCD Coordinator... she is an excellent role model for the kids...SHE LOVES THE CHILDREN and so do we!!!!...If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact her. And... of course, I am always available too as your new Director of Religious Education, and I am open to all your ideas and suggestions that will make our CCD Program the BEST EVER... please call me anytime at 1(917) 769-4496 and I will be happy to speak to you...

Rejoice in the Lord Always! Peace and Goodness,  
Deacon Mike

The Vocations Committee  
Of **St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church**  
October 2011 Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>The "traveling" Vocations Monstrance will be at our parish from October 19, 2011 through October 26, 2011.</b>		
<b>All events listed below will include the exposition of the Monstrance</b>		
October 19, 2011 – Wednesday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	The RICA class will host the Monstrance in the Church.
October 20, 2011 – Thursday	7:00 PM – 10:00 AM	The Spanish Prayer group will host the Monstrance during their meeting.
October 21, 2011 – Friday	10:00 AM – 12 PM After the 12:10 PM Mass 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM 9:00 PM – 6:00 AM	The Sagrado Corazon de Jesus at St. Gertrude will host the Monstrance. Normal Friday exposition The Cursillo will host the Monstrance Nocturnal adoration with the Monstrance - hosted by the Vocations Committee. Continental breakfast will be available in the rectory immediately following the Benediction.
October 22, 2011 – Saturday	No planned Activity	
October 23, 2011 – Sunday	After the 8:15 AM Mass After the 11:30 AM Mass	The Rosary Society will host the Monstrance. Ladies of the Sacred Heart will host the Monstrance.
October 24, 2011 – Monday	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	The San Pablo Apostol group will host the Monstrance.
October 25, 2011 – Tuesday	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	The English Prayer Group will host the Monstrance.
October 26, 2011 – Wednesday	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner with parish priests, parish deacons, invited priest; Vocations Committee. Special Evening Prayer followed by, or prior to dinner.
October 30, 2011 – Sunday	<b>All</b> weekend Masses	Prayer for Priesthood Sunday.

All are invited to join us in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with one of the 6 worldwide Papal Vocations "traveling" Monstrances, which were blessed by Pope John Paul II. We are honored to have the opportunity to host the Monstrance. Please Join Us!!!

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS****Domingo Pasado: \$5387.00****Segunda Colecta: \$1600.00****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6069.31****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!

**Del Escritorio del Diácono Mike:**

Queridos padres,

Gracias por elegir el Programa de Educación Religiosa de 'Santa María Estrella del Mar' y 'Santa Gertrudis' para promover el crecimiento espiritual y la educación religiosa de sus hijos. Este año estamos pensando en hacer varias cosas maravillosas que estoy seguro que ustedes apreciarán. Pero para tener éxito, necesitamos su apoyo y participación. El lema de este año es "La familia que reza unida, permanece unida".

Cuando hablamos de "familia" nos referimos a su propia familia, por supuesto, pero también me refiero a la familia que tenemos aquí en nuestra querida parroquia. Unidos, somos uno!! Nosotros somos UNO en fe, un solo cuerpo ..., una familia en Cristo! Animamos a cada uno de ustedes a leer las cartas que se les enviará. También les pedimos recitar las oraciones especiales de la familia que serán enviadas a casa con sus hijos ... y, sobre todo, les recordamos 'Rezar el Santo Rosario a menudo con los niños'!

Este año vamos a comenzar nuevamente con la Misa con Niños los Domingos. La primera Misa será el 30 de octubre a la 1:15 PM, y después el último domingo de cada mes. Es muy importante que los niños vengan a esta misa especial. Tomaremos asistencia durante la misa. Los niños se sentarán con sus compañeros de clases durante la misa. VENGAN Y VEAN !!!!! Será increíble! Ustedes verán!

Este año estamos contentos de tener a Carmen Macfie como nuestra Coordinadora del Programa de Religión. Ella es un excelente modelo para los niños. ELLA AMA A NUESTROS NIÑOS al igual que nosotros!!!!... Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en ponerse en contacto con ella. Y, por supuesto, yo también estoy siempre disponible como su nuevo Director de Educación Religiosa, y estoy abierto a todas sus ideas y sugerencias que harán que nuestro programa de CCD sea el mejor de todos.

Por favor, llámame en cualquier momento al (917) 769-4496 y estaré encantado de hablar con usted ...

Alegrémonos en el Señor siempre! Paz y Bendiciones,  
Diácono Mike

**Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica**

**¡Hasta el 3 de Octubre, el total de las promesas es de \$57,008.62. Hasta ahora hemos recibido solo \$39,159.12 de estas promesas. Nuestro compromiso a la Diócesis es de \$444,489.00. Nos faltan \$5329.88.**

Solo faltan dos meses para terminar la Campaña Anual Católica 2010, les pido por favor que traten de cumplir con su promesa haciendo los pagos lo mas pronto posible.

No es demasiado tarde para hacer una promesa.

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.

**Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y**  
**Santa Gertrudis**  
**Caminata 2011**  
**Del 24 de Septiembre, 2011**



Como les prometí el total recaudado de la Camita es de \$20,658.73. WOW!!! Pueden creer que todavía estamos recibiendo llamadas de donadores? Si se reciben nuevas contribuciones tendremos un nuevo total.

**De parte del Padre Fulgencio, gracias, gracias, muchas gracias por su generosidad.**

**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 Rodríguez al 718-471-1912.



La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada este Lunes, 9 de Octubre en observación del Día de Cristóbal Colón. Se celebrará solo una Misa a las 9:00 A.M.