

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



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Mr. Conrado Hernandez, Director, Ext. 25
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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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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: 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: 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 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, October 23—St. John of Capistrano

- 12:10 pm – Anne McGroary (dec)
- 5:00 pm – Mass for the People
Michelline Cherestal (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Ana Hernandez (birthday)
Cantalisa Brea (dec)
Steven Mayer (dec)

Sunday, October 24—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Singh Smith Family—Thanksgiving
June, Michael & Patricia Riley (dec)
- 9:45 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 11:30 am – Sotera Ochoa (dec)
Alfredo Soria (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Chidera & Amala Madubuko (birthday)

Monday, October 25

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

Tuesday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 27

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Lyonel Hilaire—Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 28—St. Simon & St. Jude

- 9:00 am – Amada Tejada—Acción de Gracias
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Friday, October 29


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

Saturday, October 30

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Señor de los Milagros
Alfredo Soria (dec)
Luis Angel Mendoza Avila (dec)

Sunday, October 31—Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
Waldman, Gabriel & Herson Rivera (dec)
- 9:45 am – Emmanuel Odiari (birthday)
- 11:30 am – Julio Rene De La Cruz (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Mass available

 Pray for ... Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Angela Rivara, Zoila Yopez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Beulah Harris, Luis Rodriguez, Annabel Davis, Wiloby & Lukey Snips, Luis y Lily Santiago, Vivian & Edith Hall, Hyacinth Robinson, Patrick Rountree and our faithful departed.

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 10-16 & 10-17 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Relief	Total Collection
5:00 PM	73	39	\$783.25	4	\$68.57	\$851.82
7:30 PM	410	71	\$1,133.04	7	\$176.56	\$1,309.60
8:15 AM	174	79	\$1,297.83	5	\$115.48	\$1,413.31
9:45 AM	196	54	\$875.75	3	\$90.31	\$966.06
11:30 AM	507	86	\$1,102.82	14	\$402.82	\$1,505.64
1:15 PM	151	44	\$864.42	6	\$92.10	\$956.52
Other						
Totals	1511	373	\$ 6,057.11	39	\$ 945.84	\$7,002.95

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$6,176.61

(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 * Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 * Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 * Lk 18:9-14
- Mon * Eph 4:32-5:8 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Lk 13:10-17
- Tues * Eph 5:21-33 * Ps 128:1-5 * Lk 13:18-21
- Wed * Eph 6:1-9 * Ps 145:10-14 * Lk 13:22-30
- Thurs * Eph 2:19-22 * Ps 19:2-5 * Lk 6:12-16
- Fri * Phil 1:1-11 * Ps 111:1-6 * Lk 14:1-6
- Sat * Phil 1:18b-26 * Ps 42:2-3, 5 * Lk 14:1, 7-11

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.**



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BLIND JUSTICE

A statue of Blind Justice stands atop many courts of law in the United States. She wears a blindfold and holds the scales of justice. She represents the ideal expressed in today's reading from Sirach—that each person will be treated equally in the eyes of the law and that judges will "[judge] justly and [affirm] the right" (Sirach 35:18) based solely on the justness of each plaintiff's case.

Yet we know that the wealthy can buy very good lawyers, giving them an edge in the courtroom. We know that blacks far outnumber whites on death row. We also know that high-profile defendants are often tried and convicted by the media before the judge and jury ever enter the court. However careful, no human judge or human justice system can be completely blind to factors such as race, wealth, religion, gender, age, or background.

THE MERCY OF THE COURT

In comparison, today's scriptures depict God as "the just judge" who offers every person an equal measure of justice. Like the Pharisee in today's Gospel, we must be careful not to overestimate our own worthiness or to judge the unworthiness of others. Like the apostle Paul, we must realize that, if we are judged to be righteous in the courts of God, it will be based not on our status as Christians, or on our good deeds, or on any other factor by which we might exalt ourselves. Instead, it will be solely because we asked for and relied on God's mercy.

Sirach reminds us that God is swift to hear and respond to every person who cries out for mercy, even those whom the world despises as unworthy. "Those who [are] convinced of their own righteousness and despise everyone else" (Luke 18:9) would be well advised to humble themselves enough to beg for mercy, or they may get a surprise on judgment day!

Altar Server Schedule for Oct. 30-31, 2010

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Thomas & Tatiana Lira, Jennifer Puluc, Mitchell Brandon
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Jeison Fernandez, Elin, Lisbeth & Osbaldo Flores
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Isaiah Brown, Matthew Gardner, Queneesha Scott, Michael Riley
- Sun. 11:30 AM – Andrea Colon, Krystal Rivera, Axel & Carlos Lopez
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Vilmar, Henry & Stephan Jean Michel, Kevin Robles

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to the 393 families that have supported this year appeal. Our parish pledged \$76, 161 on a goal of \$49,488. Every dollar collected over our goal will be returned to us for our parish needs. Please make every effort to pay your pledge in full before the end of the year. Thank you.



Our Holy Father Pope Benedict has designated this Sunday as Mission Sunday. He has asked that prayers be offered for missionaries who continue the work of the apostles in proclaiming the Gospel in foreign lands. Our second collection will be sent to the Propagation of the Faith Society. Thank you for your support.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Monday, November 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 am, 12:10 pm in English and at 7:30 pm in Spanish.

ALL SOULS DAY

The commemoration of All the Faithful Departed will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 12:10 pm in English, 10:30 am at St. Mary's Cemetery and 7:30 pm in Spanish. Envelopes are available in the rear of the church.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 2, 2010 is Election Day. The Bishops of New York State have issued a statement entitled "Our Cherished Right, Our Solemn Duty". It is important that every eligible voter participate. Please encourage family and friends to exercise their right as citizens. We need to insure that as the community of St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude our voice is heard.

ARMED SERVICES

If you have a family member or friend on active duty in the Armed Forces, please inform the rectory so that we may recognize their service and pray for their safety and swift return home.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Beverly Smith, one of our parishioners and Catechist, also a coordinator of People with Disabilities for the Parishes is presently in a Nursing Home.

Beverly Smith
 Hillside Manor Rehabilitation Facility
 182nd Street & Hillside Avenue
 Jamaica, NY

Hello from Deacon Mike,

Attention **all** commissioned Lay Ecclesial Ministers, and **all** Coordinators and Leaders of **all** Parish Ministries and Parish Groups and Societies (**all** Languages) :

PLEASE CONTACT ME THIS WEEK @ 1(917) 769-4496 OR mcmoss1951@aol.com ... I NEED TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR MINISTRY!!!

We are planning a major Parish endeavor which involves **ALL OF YOU**. We don't want anyone to be left out... so please contact me...

C.A.R.E.S Update...

Thanks to all who are participating in our C.A.R.E.S (Catechism And Rosary Evening Series) on Tuesday evenings... it's going *grrrrreat*...time flies when your are having fun, though... and we only have 4 more weeks left... and we still have so much material to cover...this may turn out to be an Annual Series because of the enthusiastic response from those who have been able to participate...The good times we are sharing as we delve deeply into Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church as found in the Catechism have been gratifying, uplifting and exciting!!! One thing that is very apparent to all who are attending: our Parish Community is "**fired up**" about our faith!!! We have been blessed to have folks of all ages participating (from age 10 to 88 ½ !!!)... and they **each** have something to share, something to contribute, something to offer toward the excitement of these wonderful evenings... it's **awesome!!!!** I wish everyone could experience this phenomenon! Perhaps you can make plans to attend at least one or more of the remaining evenings with us. Someone said to me that the hardest thing about coming out on a Tuesday evening was to take that *first* step toward Church! I know and *you* know how that goes: work, school, fatigue, dinner, etc. etc... But I can guarantee one thing: it is well worth it, believe me!!! I guarantee you, there is **NOTHING** on TV as dramatic or as exciting as praising the Lord in Church and learning more about His love for you and your family! PS: If you need a Bible and a Catechism, we can get these for you... *BTW*: these ARE the two most exciting books ever written!!! Hope to see you...7pm Tuesdays in St Mary's...

Your in Christ, Deacon Mike

NOVEMBER 12, 2010 DINNER DANCE

Your help is needed to sell and purchase dance tickets, journal ads and raffles. All proceeds from this fundraising event will be used to help our beloved parish. Please support this event. The deadline for submitting journal ads has been extended to October 25th.

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY—The Puerto Rican committee invites you to a trip to Atlantic City Resort Casino on Saturday, November 6, 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.

ESL (English as a Second Language) at St. Gertrude Tessier Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:40 pm to 9:00 pm.

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.

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.

**VOCATIONS****Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"All who humble themselves will be exalted." Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$7,002.95

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6,176.61

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!

BAILE/CENA DEL 12 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2010

Necesitamos su ayuda para comprar o vender los boletos para el baile, anuncios para el diario y la rifas. Todos los fondos recaudados de este evento será para ayudar a nuestra querida parroquia. Por favor apoye este evento. La fecha límite para presentar los anuncios de diario se ha extendido hasta el 25 de octubre.

LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS

Si usted tiene a un familiar o un amigo en servicio activo en las Fuerzas Armadas, favor de informar a la rectoría para que podamos reconocer su servicio y orar para que regrese a casa pronto.



Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

JUSTICIA IMPARCIAL

La estatua de la mujer con los ojos vendados y sosteniendo la balanza de la justicia se yergue sobre muchos tribunales civiles de los Estados Unidos. Ella representa el ideal expresado en la lectura de hoy proveniente del Eclesiástico (o Sirácide); a saber, que cada persona será tratada con igualdad ante los ojos de la ley y que los jueces "no [tomen] en cuenta la condición de las personas" (Eclesiástico 35: 15) si no que se basen únicamente en los justos méritos del caso del demandante.

No obstante, sabemos que los ricos pueden costearse muy buenos abogados, lo cual les proporciona una ventaja ante el tribunal. Sabemos que hay más negros que blancos entre los sentenciados a muerte. También sabemos que los demandados de mayor fama a menudo son juzgados y condenados por los medios públicos de comunicación aun antes de que el juez o el jurado haya ingresado a la sala de juicios. No importa cuántas precauciones se tomen, ningún juez ni ninguna justicia humana pueden ser completamente imparciales ante factores tales como la raza, el poder económico, la religión, el sexo, la edad o los antecedentes de las partes.

LA MISERICORDIA DE LOS TRIBUNALES

En comparación, las Escrituras de hoy muestran a Dios como "el justo juez" que ofrece a cada persona una medida equitativa de justicia. Como el fariseo en el Evangelio de hoy, debemos cuidarnos de no sobreestimar nuestro propio mérito ni juzgar la carencia de él en los demás. Al igual que el apóstol Pablo, debemos darnos cuenta de que si se nos declara justos ante el tribunal de Dios, no será en base a nuestro status como cristianos ni a nuestras buenas obras ni a cualquier otro factor que resulte en la exaltación de nosotros mismos, sino sólo y únicamente porque hemos recurrido a la misericordia de Dios y hemos confiado en ella.

Sirácide nos recuerda que Dios es pronto en escucharnos y responder a toda persona que clama por misericordia, aun a aquéllas a las que el mundo desprecia y tiene por indignas. ¡Más les vale a aquellos "que presumen de ser justos y desprecian a los demás" (véase Lucas 18:9), humillarse lo suficiente y pedir misericordia, no sea que se sorprendan en el día del juicio!

VIAJE A ATLANTIC CITY—El Comité Puertorriqueño los invita a un viaje a Atlantic City Resort Casino el día Sábado 6 de Noviembre 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.

Hola de parte del Diácono Mike,

Atención a todos los Ministros Laicos Eclesiales, a todos los Coordinadores y Líderes de todos los Ministerios, Grupos y Sociedades de la Parroquia (de todos los Idiomas):

¡¡POR FAVOR PÓNGASE EN CONTACTO CONMIGO esta semana al (917) 769-4496 o a mi correo electrónico mcmoss1951@aol.com ... TENGO QUE HABLARLES SOBRE SU MINISTERIO!!!

Estamos planeando un esfuerzo Parroquial muy importante que implica a TODOS USTEDES. No queremos que nadie se quede afuera ... por favor póngase en contacto conmigo lo mas pronto posible...

CAMPAÑA ANUAL CATÓLICA—Les estamos muy agradecidos a las 393 familias que han apoyado a la campaña este año. Las promesas de nuestra parroquia hicieron un total de \$76,161 del objetivo de \$49,488. Cada dólar que se colecte sobre nuestro objetivo nos será devuelto para las necesidades de nuestra parroquia. Por favor haga todo lo posible por saldar su promesa en su totalidad antes de que finalice el año.



Nuestro Santo Padre el Papa Benedicto ha designado este domingo como el domingo de las Misiones. Él ha pedido que nuestras oraciones sean ofrecidas por los misioneros que siguen el trabajo de los apóstoles en la proclamación del Evangelio en lugares lejanos. Nuestra segunda colecta de hoy le será enviada a la Sociedad de la Propagación de Fe. Gracias por su apoyo.

DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES—El martes, 2 de noviembre del 2010 es el Día de las Elecciones. Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos hicieron una declaración titulada "Nuestro Derecho Valorado, Nuestra Obligación Solemne". Es muy importante que todos aquellos elegibles votantes participen. Por favor anime a su familiares y amigos a ejercer su derecho como ciudadanos. Tenemos que asegurar que como la comunidad de Santa Mary Star del Mar y Santa Gertrudis nuestra voz se haga escuchar.

DIA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS—Este año el Día de los Santos, Lunes, 1 de noviembre no es un Día Santo de Obligación. Las misas serán celebradas a las 8:00 am, a las 12:10 en inglés y a las 7:30 en español.

DIA DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS—La conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos será celebrada a las 8:00 am y a las 12:10 en inglés, a las 10:30 en el Cementerio de Santa María y a las 7:30 pm en español.

ESL (Ingles como Segundo Idioma) los Lunes, Martes y Miércoles de 5:40 pm a 9:00 pm en el Salón Tessier en Santa Gertrudis.