

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



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Deacon Rene Hernandez

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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:

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, October 29

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Margaret Berliner (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Señor de los Milagros del Peru
Alfred Soria (dec), Irma Guerra (dec)
Divino Niño—Acción de Gracias

Sunday, October 30 -Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Gabriel, Herson, Waldman, Jim Rivera (dec)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Emmnuel Odiari (birthday)
Sylvia Rosant (dec)
- 11:30 am – Alfred Soria (dec)
Felicita Mayorga (dec)
Ceferino Humberto Valle (dec)
Fermina Rivas (dec)
Manuel Chinchilla (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Presentation of baby Matthew Alvarez

Monday, October 31

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Manuel A. Moronta (dec)

Tuesday, November 1—All Saints

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Mass available

Wednesday, November 2—All Souls

- 8:00 am – Gabriel, Herson, Waldman, Jim Rivera (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Seberina Polanco (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Mass available

Thursday, November 3—St. Martin de Porres

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 12:10 pm – All Souls Novena

Friday, November 4—St. Charles Borromeo

- 12:10 pm – Carmen Duesbury (dec)
- 7:30 pm – All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 5

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – All Souls Novena
- 7:30 pm – Guillermo Monestel (dec)

Sunday, November 6 -Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am – Mass available
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Martina Quiñones (dec)
- 11:30 am – Novena por los Fieles Difuntos
Benedicto Mayorga (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving



Sarah King, Frank Bulger, Derrick Heron, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, 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

1st Collection last weekend - \$5452.00
2nd Collection last weekend - \$1245.00

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$5226.83

(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** * Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 * Ps 131:1-3 * Mt 23:1-12
- Mon** * Rom 11:29-36 * Lk 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 * Lk 14:12-14
- Tues** * Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 * Ps 24:1-4, 5-6 * Mt 5:1-12
- Wed** * Wis 3:1-9 * Ps 23:1-6 * Jn 6:37-40 or 1011-1016
- Thurs** * Rom 14:7-12 * Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 * Lk 15:1-10
- Fri** * Rom 15:14-21 * Ps 98:1-4 * Lk 16:1-8
- Sat** * Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 * Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 * Lk 16:9-15

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

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.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

El pan y el vino son ofrecidos en acción de gracias al
Señor de los Milagros de Perú.

The sanctuary candle is given for the **Repose of all Souls...**
Las velas son ofrecidas en acción de gracias al
Señor de los Milagros de Perú.

Las Flores son ofrecidas en acción de gracias al
Señor de los Milagros de Perú.



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“THE GREATEST AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT”

Just imagine what it might be like to be cleaning rooms in a hotel and have a woman in diamonds and an evening gown offer to scrub the toilet for you. Ridiculous, right? Now try imagining that you come to church in the morning after caring for a sick infant all night long. You slip into the last pew. The priest calls your name, asks you to stand, and everyone starts applauding.

As ridiculous as these examples may sound, they are close to what Jesus means in today’s Gospel when he says, “The greatest among you must be your servant” (Matthew 23:11). Jesus criticizes the Pharisees because “they will not lift a finger” to help others (Matthew 23:4). According to Jesus, to be a servant is the highest calling of all. We are to exalt the humble, honor the servants of this world with respect, and emulate them in our lives. Paul and Jesus can serve as our examples, for they show us what it means to serve “night and day” (1 Thessalonians 2:9) the people God loves.

CALLED TO SERVE

How, and whom, are you called to serve? Some of us are called into service professions, such as teaching or nursing. But everyone has opportunities to serve every day. Among our families and friends and in our neighborhoods there are people whose needs we can recognize and respond to. In the busy work day we can notice when a customer or coworker could use some assistance, compassion, or encouragement. Most of all, we are called to serve those who are carrying the heavy burdens of poverty, illness, and oppression.

There are lots of ways to serve those in need. But however we are called to serve, we are to do it in a spirit of humility and respect, knowing that it is an honor to serve as Jesus served.

Thank you, from the Vocations Committee

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the parish groups who hosted the Papal monstrance for vocations last week. The outpouring was a testament to our faith and of our love for our priests, deacons, religious men and women and our seminarians.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations, especially to the priesthood. Remember to continue to pray for all priests, in particular our parish priests; Father Fulgencio, Father Yvon, Father White, Father Fred and Father Joni. We are abundantly blessed to have them in our parish. Tell them often that you appreciate their gift to us of becoming priests. Don’t ever forget that without priests we would have no Eucharist.



Prayer for Priests

Mother of our Lord, we pray for our priests, the sons who carry with dignity the presence of your Son to a world that does not appreciate the gift of their priesthood. Help them carry their crosses in parish and episcopal life without getting discouraged or disheartened.

Just as the Son reflects the image of the Father, help our priests to act “in persona Christi” by offering His passionate love to His Bride, His Body, the Church. This is the path that the Lord has set for them; to pour themselves out for the people in their lives and offer themselves completely in love to the Church—in the same way that Christ died for love of his Bride. Amen.

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

As of October 24, 2011, our pledges total \$57,618.62. The contribution received to date is \$41,319.12; that’s \$3,168.88 from our diocesan goal . If we receive all of the current pledge payments by December 31, 2011, our parish will receive back from the Diocese \$13, 129.12.

With just under two months left in the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign, I urge you to honor your pledge by making payments as soon as possible, in order for us to meet our 2011 goal. Remember, December 31, 2011 marks the end of this year’s 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. Please help us to honor our diocesan commitment by sending in your contribution as soon as possible. Let’s work together to meet the December 31, 2011 deadline. God bless you.

Turn Clocks Back



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 am, 12:10 pm in English and at 7:30 pm in Spanish.



ALL SOULS DAY



Wednesday, November 2 is the commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Masses 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.

FALL RAFFLE—Raffles books for our Fall 2011 raffle, which will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2011, are now available for sale. The price is \$5.00 a booklet. First prize is a 42" flat screen TV and the second prize is a 32" flat screen TV. Please pick up your booklets today and help make this raffle a success.

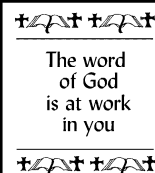
The Puerto Rican Community invites you to the celebration of our yearly Mass in honor of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Divine Providence, Patroness of Puerto Rico, Saturday - November 19, at 7:30pm. Rosary at 7pm.



Religious Education Classes for children in grades K-8 still going on. Please contact the rectory at 718-327-1133 x 25 for information. You must register your child every year in Religious Education.

PROCESSION—The Community of St Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude are invited to participate in the procession on Sunday, October 30th, 2011. Leaving from St. Gertrude at 10:45 AM. Walking the streets of Beach Channel Drive from 36 St. to 47th St. and returning to St. Gertrude. Refreshments will be served to all present.

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude will have a case management service here every Wednesday beginning Wednesday, October 26, 2001 at 2:30 P.M. To schedule an appointment to see Christina Smith, please call 347-472-5043 or 718-217-1238.



THE PRO SANCTITY MOVEMENT

Will be celebrating an annual Day of Prayer for Universal Sanctification with a Mass on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 11:00 am at St. Kevin's Church, 45-21 194th Street, Flushing, NY 11358

Main Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. D. Joseph Fennerty
For information please call 718-649-0324.

All are invited and welcome to come.

**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, Oct. 25th, 2011 to Dec. 6th, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM—8:30 PM

Place: St. Edmund's Church—Library
Rockaway Point Blvd. & Beach 216 St, Breezy Pt.

To Register: call:

Jean Maffia @ 718-945-5676

Anne Maguire @ 718-945 -0563

Teresa Sefchek @ 908-421-4915

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$5452.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1245.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5226.83

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!

Gracias de Parte del Comité de Vocaciones

Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos los grupos de la parroquia, quienes presentaron la Custodia Papal por las vocaciones la semana pasada. El resultado fue un verdadero testimonio de nuestra fe y de nuestro amor por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas y los seminaristas.

Por favor, continúen orando por un aumento a las vocaciones, especialmente al sacerdocio. Recordemos que debemos seguir orando por todos los sacerdotes, especialmente los de nuestra parroquia, el Padre Fulgencio, Padre Yvon, Padre White, Padre Fred y el Padre Joni. Estamos verdaderamente bendecidos por tenerlos en nuestra parroquia. Dejémosles saber que apreciamos mucho el regalo de Dios de tenerlos como nuestros sacerdotes. No se olviden que sin sacerdotes no tendríamos la Eucaristía.

CATECISMO—Las clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños en los grados del K-8 continúan. Favor de llamar al 718-327-1133 x 25 para mas información.

La Comunidad Puertorriqueña los invita a la celebración de la Misa en honor a la Virgen, Madre de la Divina Providencia, Patrona de Puerto Rico, el Sábado, 19 de Noviembre a las 7:30pm. Rosario a las 7 pm.



Trigésimo Primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“QUE EL MAYOR DE ENTRE USTEDES SEA SU SERVIDOR”

Imagínate que estuvieras limpiando los cuartos de un hotel y una señora muy elegantemente vestida y cubierta de diamantes se ofrece a ayudarte a limpiar los inodoros. Ridículo, ¿cierto? Ahora trata de imaginar que vienes temprano a la iglesia después de haber cuidado toda la noche a tu bebé enfermo. Te sientas en la última banca. El sacerdote te llama por tu nombre y te pide que te pongas de pie y todo el mundo comienza a aplaudir.

Por ridículos que parezcan estos ejemplos, describen exactamente lo que Jesús quiere enseñarnos hoy cuando dice: “Que el mayor de entre ustedes sea su servidor” (Mateo 23:11). Jesús critica a los fariseos porque ni un dedo quieren mover para ayudar a los demás (Véase Mateo 23:4). Según Jesús, ser un servidor es el más alto llamado. Debemos exaltar al humilde, honrar a los servidores del mundo con respeto e imitarlos en nuestra vida. Pablo y Jesús nos sirven de ejemplo, pues nos muestran lo que significa servir “día y noche” (1 Tesalonicenses 2:9) a los que Dios ama.

LLAMADOS A SERVIR

¿Cómo y a quiénes somos llamados a servir?

Algunos de nosotros somos llamados a ofrecer servicios profesionales como la educación o la enfermería. Pero todos tenemos oportunidades de servir cada día. Entre nuestra familia y amigos, y en nuestros vecindarios hay personas cuyas necesidades podemos reconocer y remediar. Durante nuestras ocupaciones diarias podemos notar cuando un cliente o un compañero de trabajo necesita ayuda, compasión o aliento. Más que nada, estamos llamados a servir a quienes arrastran las pesadas cargas de la pobreza, la enfermedad y la opresión.

Hay muchas formas de servir a los necesitados. Pero no importa cuál sea nuestro llamado específico a servir, debemos hacerlo con espíritu de humildad y respeto, sabiendo que es un honor servir como Jesús sirvió.

DIA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS

El Martes 1 de Noviembre es el Día de todos los Santos, día 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

El Miércoles 2 de Noviembre es el Día de la Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos. Las misas serán celebradas 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.

RETRASEN SU RELOJ UNA HORA EL PROXIMO SABADO 5 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2011.



DOMINGO DEL SACERDOCIO Oración para los Sacerdotes

Madre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, oramos por nuestros sacerdotes, los hijos que llevan con dignidad la presencia de tu Hijo a un mundo que no aprecia el don del sacerdocio. Ayúdalos a llevar su cruz en la vida parroquial y episcopal sin desanimarse.

Así como el Hijo se refleja en la imagen de su Padre, ayuda a nuestros sacerdotes a ser una “Persona en Cristo” ofreciendo su amor a su Iglesia. Este es el camino que el Señor ha establecido para ellos, para que puedan abrir sus corazones hacia todo su pueblo y que puedan entregarse completamente a su Iglesia, de la misma manera que Cristo murió por el amor a su Iglesia. Amen

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

¡Hasta el 24 de Octubre, el total de las promesas es de \$57,618.62. Hasta la fecha hemos recibido \$41,319.12 de estas promesas. Solo nos faltan \$3168.88 para poder alcanzar la meta diocesana. Si recibimos todas las promesas antes del 31 de Diciembre, la Diócesis le devolverá a nuestra parroquia la cantidad de \$13,129.12

Con solo 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. El 31 de Diciembre es el final de la Campaña. 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. Por favor ayúdenos a cumplir con nuestro compromiso diocesano haciendo su contribución lo mas pronto posible. Trabajemos unidos para cumplir con nuestro compromiso antes del 31 de Diciembre del 2011. ***Que Dios los bendiga.***

PROCESIÓN—La Comunidad de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a participar en la procesión el Domingo 30 de Octubre del 2011 a las 10:45 A.M. Saliendo de la Iglesia St. Gertrudis. Recorriendo las calles de Beach Channel Drive desde la 36 St. hasta la 47 St. y regresando por Arverne hasta la Iglesia donde se servirá un refrigerio para todos los concurrentes.

Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis tendrá un Servicio de Consejería todos los Miércoles comenzando el Miércoles 26 de Octubre del 2011 a las 2:30 P.M. Para hacer una cita con Christina Smith, favor de llamar al 347-472-5043 o al 718-217-1238.