

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



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Rev. Msgr. John J. Bracken P.A., Ext. 22

## PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Jean Yvon Pierre, Ext. 27

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero  
Deacon Candidate Rene Hernandez

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Rev. Edward Smith

## TRUSTEES:

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Miguel Jimenez

## PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

## 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.

## MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24.

## SCHOOL:

Ms. Angela D. Brucia, Principal  
595 B. 19th St., Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691  
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## SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*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)  
Manuel Moronta (dec)
- 9:45 am – Emmanuel Odiari (birthday)  
Girberto Vasquez (dec)
- 11:30 am – Julio Rene De La Cruz (dec)  
Ceferino Humberto Valle (dec)  
Jose Azcona—Thanksgiving  
Genoveva Colon (dec), Felicita Mayorga (dec)  
Nydia Rodriguez (sanación)  
Maria Altagracia Urena (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Mass available

*Monday, November 1—All Saints*

- 8:00 am – John Melucci (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Tuesday, November 2—All Souls*

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

*Wednesday, November 3— St. Martin de Porres*

- 8:00 am – All Souls Novena
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

*Thursday, November 4—St. Charles Borromeo*

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

*Friday, November 5*

- 12:10 pm – Farah Jolicoeur (21st birthday)  
Josephine Tuccio (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Novena de los Fieles Difuntos

*Saturday, November 6*

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

*Sunday, November 7—Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Eugene Turner (dec)  
June, Michael & Patricia Riley (dec)
- 9:45 am – Reuben Vasquez (dec)  
Gregory Rodriguez (birthday)
- 11:30 am – Novena de los Fieles Difuntos  
Misa por la Comunidad  
Carmela M. De La Cruz (dec)  
Merle Pasos Hoyos (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Mass available

**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 10-23 & 10-24 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	World Mission Sunday	Total Collection
5:00 PM	450	39	\$532.17	21	\$231.25	\$763.42
7:30 PM	234	71	\$747.11	22	\$176.56	\$923.67
8:15 AM	145	79	\$1,369.21	36	\$333.56	\$1,702.77
9:45 AM	215	54	\$607.70	32	\$232.75	\$840.45
11:30 AM	521	86	\$1,473.97	41	\$686.71	\$2,160.68
1:15 PM	151	44	\$964.42	19	\$189.34	\$1,153.76
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1716</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>\$ 5,694.58</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>\$ 1,850.17</b>	<b>\$7,544.75</b>

**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](http://www.parishpay.com).**

**Weekday Readings**

- Sun \* 11:22-12:1 \* Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 \* Lk 19:1-10
- Mon \* Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 \* Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 \* Mt 5:1-12a
- Tues \* Wis 3:1-9 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Jn 6:37-40
- Wed \* Phil 2:12-18 \* Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 \* Lk 14:25-33
- Thurs \* Phil 3:3-8 \* Ps 105:2-7 \* Lk 15:1-10
- Fri \* Phil 3:17-4:1 \* Ps 122:1-5 \* Lk 16:1-8
- Sat \* Phil 4:10-19 \* Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8, 9 \* Lk 16:9-15

**PLEASE PRAY for** Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yopez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Annabel Davis, Wiloby & Lukey Snips, Luis y Lily Santiago, Vivian & Edith Hall, Hyacinth Robinson, Yesenia Rivera, Nydia Rodriguez and our faithful departed: Rev. Robert J. Giuntini.

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

*The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for  
**Victoria Nolasco.***

*The flowers are given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister.***



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

Present

**OUR 2010 DINNER DANCE**

honoring  
**Father Jim**

At the Sands Atlantic Beach

**Friday, November 12, 2010**

Let us come together and celebrate as a parish family.

Please contact the rectory to purchase tickets.  
718-327-1133 ext. 10



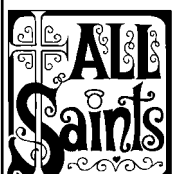
### THANKING OUR PRIESTS

Today, October 31<sup>st</sup> is World Priest Day. Catholic Parishes across the country celebrate and affirm these men who have been called to commit themselves to Christ through Priesthood. It is a day to thank and affirm our parish priests and show them our appreciation for all they do.

**THANK YOU** – Because of your generosity last weekend, we were able to send \$1,850 to the Society of Propagation of the Faith to support the worldwide missionary work of the Church.

### 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.



Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



The commemoration of All the Faithfull 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.

**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.



# Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE SETUP

Poor Zaccheus! In today's tale, Luke sets him up as an unbelievably nasty villain, a sinner *par excellence*, if there can be such a thing. He's a tax collector; moreover, he's the chief tax collector, the head sinner. He's also a wealthy one, so he's probably very good at extortion, cheating, oppressing the poor, and all sorts of foul behavior. He's short, considered a physical malady and sign of God's disfavor in his culture. To top it off, he lives in Jericho, a city condemned by Joshua when the Israelites settled in the Promised Land. But Jesus knows and sees what the author of Wisdom has told us earlier today: that the imperishable spirit of the Lord, lover of souls, is in all things, even in this reprehensible little knave. And this Jesus, getting nearer and nearer his destiny in Jerusalem, not only allows Zaccheus to speak with him, but seeks him out. Jesus boldly invites himself to stay under Zaccheus' roof and incorporate himself into the life of this malefactor. No wonder the people who were looking on started to grumble!

## AN EARLY—OR LATE—CHRISTMAS

Luke's Gospel is the source of what has become known as "the" Christmas story. Two of the major themes of Luke's infancy narrative are joy and the coming of salvation. Zaccheus today welcomes Jesus with joy, and Jesus announces that salvation has come. In the scene that precedes this one (we don't hear it at Sunday Mass), salvation comes when Jesus heals a blind man just outside Jericho. Jesus has transformed the city of condemnation into one of vision and light. The presence of this Jesus is enough to remind Zaccheus of his sins so he might, as Wisdom reminds us, abandon his wickedness and come to believe in the Lord by living an upright life. He makes promises to Jesus that his future actions will be fair and just. We never find out whether he keeps these promises, but the significance of the passage is that the faith of Abraham supersedes the condemnation of Joshua; the obstacles to grace in Zaccheus' life are not as important as the relentless, seeking, saving heart of the Lord, lover of souls.



## VOCATIONS - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time—"The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Will you share in Christ's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak with a priest or religious or contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

## 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](mailto: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...

**TRIP TO FOXWOOD CASINO**—St. Mary Star of the Sea School invites you to a trip to Foxwood Casino on Saturday, November 20, 2010. Departure time is 8:00 A.M. from St. Mary Star of the Sea & St. Gertrude parking lot. Cost for the trip is \$50 per person. You will get back \$30 for food and Kino game. For information please call St. Mary's School - 718-327-2242.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – At Our Lady of Good Counsel, 68 Wanser Avenue, Inwood on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 - 2:45 pm to 8:45 pm. Your donation will help to save up to **three** lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! For information or to schedule an appointment, please contact: Father Larry Duncklee at 516-239-0953.

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

**Turn Clocks Back** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010.

## **EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**

**Domingo Pasado: \$7,544.75**  
**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!

**VIAJE A FOXWOOD CASINO**—La Escuela Santa María los invita a un viaje a Foxwood Casino el Sábado 20 de Noviembre del 2010. Salida a las 8:00 A.M. de Santa María. Costo por boleto \$50 por persona. Usted recibirá de regreso \$30 para el almuerzo y un juego Kino. Para mas información, favor llamar a la Escuela Santa María al 718-327-2242.

## 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 Primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### EL VILLANO

¡Pobre Zaqueo! En la historia de hoy, san Lucas lo pinta como un villano increíblemente antipático, pecador por excelencia, si puede existir tal cosa. Es un cobrador de impuestos y, encima de eso, es el jefe de ellos –como quien dice, el enemigo público número uno. Además, es muy rico, lo cual demuestra que es un campeón en exacciones, opresión de los pobres y en toda clase de comportamientos indebidos. Zaqueo era de baja estatura, algo que en su cultura se consideraba como una enfermedad o defecto físico, y signo de la desaprobación de Dios. Encima de todo, él vivía en Jericó, una ciudad condenada por Josué cuando los judíos se establecieron en la Tierra Prometida. Pero Jesús sabe y ve lo que el autor del libro de la Sabiduría nos dijo en la primera lectura de hoy: que el espíritu inmortal de Dios, amante de las almas, está en todas las cosas, hasta en este miserable bribón. Y Jesús, que se va acercando a la cita con su destino en Jerusalén, no solamente permite a Zaqueo hablar con él, sino que aún lo busca. Jesús se invita a sí mismo a cenar y a pasar la noche en casa de Zaqueo, entrando así en la vida de este malhechor. ¡No en balde la gente que estaba alrededor comenzó a murmurar y a quejarse!

### ES NAVIDAD TARDE O TEMPRANO

El Evangelio de San Lucas es la fuente de lo que hemos llegado a conocer como “la historia de la Navidad”. Dos de los temas principales que hay en la narración de la infancia del Señor, según san Lucas, son la *alegría* y la *venida de la salvación*. Y son estos temas los que encontramos también hoy. Zaqueo recibe a Jesús con *alegría* y Jesús proclama que *ha llegado la salvación* para él. En la escena inmediatamente anterior a ésta (la cual no se lee en la Misa de hoy) la salvación llega cuando Jesús sana a un ciego a las puertas de Jericó. Con este milagro, Jesús transforma simbólicamente a Jericó, de ciudad de maldición en ciudad de visión y de luz. Y la presencia de Jesús también es suficiente para recordarle a Zaqueo sus muchos pecados –no para condenarlo sino, como dice el libro de la Sabiduría, para que se arrepienta de sus maldades y crea en el Señor, viviendo en adelante una vida recta. Zaqueo le promete a Jesús que sus acciones en el futuro serán justas y rectas. El Evangelio no nos dice si cumplió o no esas promesas, pero el significado de este pasaje es que la fe de Abraham supera la maldición de Josué, que los obstáculos a la gracia en la vida de Zaqueo no son tan fuertes como el corazón del Señor, que nunca se da por vencido cuando se trata de salvar un alma.

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.

### 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](mailto: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.

**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 718-471-1912.

**GRACIAS** a su generosidad durante la colecta de este pasado fin de semana, pudimos enviar \$1,850 a la Sociedad de la Propagación de Fe para apoyar el trabajo misionero de la Iglesia.

**NUESTRO AGRADECIMIENTO A NUESTROS SACERDOTES**—Hoy, 31 de octubre es el Día Mundial de los Sacerdotes. Todas las Parroquias Católicas alrededor del país celebran y afirman a estos hombres quienes fueron llamados a servir a Cristo a través del sacerdocio. Este es un día para agradecerles y afirmar a nuestros sacerdotes y mostrarles nuestra apreciación por todo lo que hacen por nuestra Iglesia.

**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.



**RETRASEN SU RELOJ UNA HORA EL PROXIMO SABADO 7 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2010.**