

# 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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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, November 12*

- 12:10 pm – Webert George
- 5:00 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Maruja Medina (dec), Merle Hoyos (dec)  
Blanca & Frederico Martinez (aniv.)  
Maritza Pocasangre (dec)

*Sunday, November 13 -Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Anastecia & Michael (50th wed. aniv.)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Lynda Doyle (birthday)  
Sylvia Rosant (dec), Claudia Irving (dec)  
Joyce George (birthday)  
Patsy George (birthday)
- 11:30 am – Julio Villarman (dec)  
Por los Sacerdotes de la Parroquia  
Juan de Jesus Reyes (dec)  
Meris Villarman (cumpleaños 80)  
Jose Guzman (cumpleaños)  
Divino Niño—Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm – George Anakhu (birthday)  
Feast of St. Gertrude

*Monday, November 14*

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

*Tuesday, November 15*

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Pearl Waldron (dec)

*Wednesday, November 16—St. Gertrude*

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

*Thursday, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

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

*Friday, November 18—Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul in Rome*

- 12:10 pm – Rafael A. Moronta (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Rafael A. Moronta (dec)  
Virgen del Quinche— Acción de Gracias

*Saturday, November 19*

- 12:10 pm – Deceased Alumni of St. Mary
- 5:00 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Blanca Martinez— Acción de Gracias  
Domingo Antonio Nuñez (dec)

*Sunday, November 20 -Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:15 am – Anastecia & Michael (50th wed. aniv.)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Por los Fieles Difuntos
- 11:30 am – Maria de Jesus Cruz (dec)  
Rosendo Alvarenga (dec)  
Familia Alvarenga Martinez-Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving  
Enrique & Isabel Abella (wedding anniv.)

**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 - \$4234.00**  
**2nd Collection last weekend - \$1377.00**

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010): \$6163.22**

**(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** \* Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 \* Ps 128:1-5 \* Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**Mon** \* 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 \* Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 \* Lk 18:35-43

**Tues** \* 2 Mc 6:18-31 \* Ps 3:2-8 \* Lk 19:1-10

**Wed** \* 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 \* Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 \* Lk 19:11-28

**Thurs** \* 1 Mc 2:15-29 \* Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 \* Lk 19:41-44

**Fri** \* 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 \* 1 Chr 29:10-12 \* Lk 19:45-48

**Sat** \* 1 Mc 6:1-13 \* Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 \* Lk 20:27-40

**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.



Kathleen Briza, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed.

**MEMORIALS THIS WEEK**

The sanctuary candle is given in for the **Repose of All Souls.**



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WITH LOVING HANDS

So often we are defined by the work that we do to make a living. Unpaid work or volunteer work is almost invisible, even though its value to families and to our society is immense. Work done in the home, such as rearing children, is invisible and is not counted in the gross national product, the official evaluation of productivity of our society. The work of rearing children, of guiding adolescents, of donating blood, helping in libraries, delivering meals to seniors, raising funds for not-for-profit organizations, and so on, is coming up short as people are pressed to give more and more of their time and energy to paid jobs.

Our "job" is what we do, but our "vocation" is who we are. We are called to serve others, to help those who need us in a variety of situations. We aren't all called to the same work, or the same amount of work. We give what we have, according to our abilities, in fidelity to the call each of us received. Our vocation to serve others is rooted in our baptism. How we live our call is a matter of individual gifts and "talents." Even if our work is unpaid or unappreciated, it is valuable in God's eyes. Work done "with loving hands" is worthwhile and good, even if it is invisible to those who decide what is economically valuable.

### COME, SHARE YOUR MASTER'S JOY

We may not work at what society calls a "full-time job" (defined as being paid). Anyone who cares for children or for ill or frail family members would be grateful if the work ended after a "normal" number of work hours! Work done for love and for the good of another is work indeed, and its payment will be in a different currency. Our call to serve is a call to love, and the payment is joy in God's presence and in the knowledge that the reign of God is being brought closer each day by the work of our hands. Our ultimate call will be to share in our Master's joy.

#### CULTURAL MASS

The Caribbean Committee of St. Mary and St. Gertrude invite you to celebrate with them their cultural mass on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 1:15 P.M. to honor St. Gertrude, the patron saint of the Caribbean. All are welcome to dress in their country attire.

#### The Parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea-St. Gertrude

celebrates the 100 Anniversary of the Community of St. Gertrude on Friday, November 18, 2011 at St. Gertrude.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM followed by a

Bi-Lingual Mass: 7:30 PM

All are invited

#### 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.

#### PILGRIMAGE

Join us on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ireland and to The 50th International Eucharistic Congress

June 8-18, 2012

Chaplains

Fr. Brian Dowd & Fr. James Cunningham

For a brochure call: 1-800-225-7662

#### 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

**As of November 4, 2011, our pledges total \$58,638.62. The contribution received to date is \$44,109.12; that's \$379.88 from our diocesan goal. If we receive all of the total pledge payments, of \$58,638.62, by December 31, 2011, our parish will receive back from the Diocese \$14,149.12.**

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.**

**Raffle Tickets Sale**

Thanks to all of you who have taken raffle tickets to sell, as well as those who have bought tickets. This fundraiser will give us the gentle boost that our parish needs to help with our financial responsibilities. I cannot thank you enough for your generous support.

We got off to a great start; thanks to all of you. If you have sold tickets, please start turning in your money at the rectory. The early turning in of funds will allow us to get the best deals on purchasing the two televisions.

Remember, this raffle will be done just in time for Christmas.

Thanksgiving Day Meal



The parish community of St. Mary Star of the Sea - St. Gertrude is invited to come together to share a meal on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 24, 2011. Luncheon will be served between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the St Mary's school cafeteria. The stewardship and hospitality committees are coordinating this event and request the generosity of your time, talent and treasure to feed and serve one another. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are located in the vestibule of the church. You may also contact Jose Velez or Vanessa Corchia and leave your name and phone number at 718.327.7591.



**Catholic Charities Queens Community Center** is excited to announce the establishment of our

**Far Rockaway Field Office**

at **St. Mary Star of the Sea RC Church**  
1920 New Haven Ave. Far Rockaway

The following services in English are available

**Tuesdays 9:00am – 5pm**

**Wednesdays 2:30pm – 5pm**

**Preferably BY APPOINTMENT:**

- ✦ Linkage to Community Center Emergency Food Assistance
  - ✦ Case Management
  - Supportive Counseling
  - Limited Financial Assistance
  - Access to Community Resources
- Linkage to other Catholic Charities programs

For more information, please contact Christina Smith via phone 1.347.472.5053 or 1.718.217.1238 or email at csmith@ccbq.org

**IF YOU NEED A TURKEY**

If you need a Turkey for Thanksgiving, please sign up ONLY on the following days:

Tuesday	1 pm— 3 pm	
Wednesday	1 pm—4 pm	
Thursday	9 am—12 pm	4pm—9 pm
Sunday	9:45—11:15 am	(St. Gertrude)

**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. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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: \$4234.00**

**Segunda Colecta: \$1377.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$6163.22**

**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!

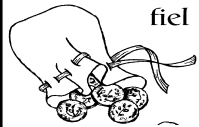
**MEMORIALES DE LA SEMANA:** En memoria de un ser querido, familiar o amigo.

FLORES (cada arreglo)	\$55.00
PAN Y VINO	\$50.00
VELAS	\$15.00

**Almuerzo del Día de Acción de Gracias**

La comunidad de la Parroquia de Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis les invita a compartir unidos el Almuerzo del Día de Acción de Gracias, el jueves, 24 de noviembre del 2011. Se servirá el almuerzo entre la 12:00 y las 2:00 P.M. en la cafetería de la escuela de Santa María. El comité de corresponsabilidad y el comité de hospitalidad coordinan este evento y les piden su generosidad a través de su tiempo, talento y tesoro para poder servirnos el uno al otro. En el vestíbulo de la Iglesia encontrara las hojas para los voluntarios que deseen ayudar en este día. Usted también puede llamar a José Velez o Vanessa Corchia al 718-327-7591.

Bien hecho,  
servidor  
fiel



## Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### CON MANOS AMOROSAS

Con frecuencia se nos define según el trabajo que hacemos para ganarnos la vida. El trabajo gratis o voluntario es casi invisible, a pesar de que su valor para nuestras familias y para nuestra sociedad es inmenso. El trabajo hecho en casa, como criar los hijos, no cuenta en el producto nacional bruto, en la evaluación oficial de productividad de nuestra sociedad. No existe suficiente ayuda para trabajos tales como criar los hijos, guiar adolescentes, donar sangre, ayudar en las bibliotecas, repartir comidas a los ancianos, solicitar fondos para organizaciones sin fines de lucro, y demás, pues las personas se sienten presionadas a tener que dedicar más y más tiempo y energía a trabajos remunerados.

Nuestro "trabajo" es lo que hacemos, pero nuestra "vocación" es lo que somos. Somos llamados a servir a los demás, a ayudar a quienes nos necesitan en diversas situaciones. No todos somos llamados al mismo trabajo, o a la misma cantidad de trabajo. Damos lo que tenemos, de acuerdo a nuestras habilidades, fieles al llamado que cada cual recibe. Nuestra vocación de servir a los demás está arraigada en nuestro bautismo. Cómo vivimos nuestro llamado depende de nuestros dones y "talentos" personales. Aun si nuestro trabajo no es remunerado ni apreciado, es valioso a los ojos de Dios. El trabajo ejecutado "con manos amorosas" es meritorio y bueno, aunque sea invisible para quienes deciden lo que es valioso económicamente.

### VEN, COMPARTE LA FELICIDAD DE TU MAESTRO

Quizás no tenemos un "trabajo de tiempo completo" (que se define como remunerado). ¡Ya desearía quienquiera que cuide a sus hijos o a un miembro enfermo o débil de la familia, que su trabajo terminara después de un determinado número de horas "normales"! El trabajo hecho por amor y por el bien de otros es ciertamente trabajo y su remuneración será de diferente moneda. Nuestro llamado a servir es un llamado a amar y el pago es el gozo de la presencia de Dios y de saber que el reino de Dios se acerca más cada día gracias al trabajo de nuestras manos. Nuestro último llamado será compartir el gozo de nuestro Maestro.

### MISA CULTURAL

El Comité Caribeño de Santa María y Santa Gertrudis los invita a celebrar con ellos su Misa Cultural en honor a Santa Gertrudis, patrona del Caribe el Domingo 13 de Noviembre del 2011 a la 1:15 P.M. Invitamos a todos a venir con sus trajes típicos de su país.

**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.

### SI NECESITA UN PAVO

Si usted necesita un Pavo para el Día de Acción de Gracias, favor de anotarse SOLAMENTE en los días siguientes:

Martes	1 pm— 3 pm	
Miércoles	1 pm—4 pm	
Jueves	9 am—12 pm	4pm—9 pm
Domingo	9:45—11:15 am	(Sta. Gertrudis)

### Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

**¡Hasta el 4 de Noviembre, el total de las promesas es de \$58,638.62. Hasta la fecha hemos recibido \$44,109.12 de estas promesas. Solo nos faltan \$379.88 para poder alcanzar la meta diocesana. Si recibimos todas las promesas, un total de \$58,638.62, antes del 31 de Diciembre, la Diócesis le devolverá a nuestra parroquia la cantidad de \$14,149.12**

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.***

La Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis los invita a celebrar los Cien Años de Aniversario de la Comunidad de Santa Gertrudis el Viernes 18 de Noviembre del 2011 en la Iglesia Santa Gertrudis.

Con la **Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento** desde la 1:00 PM hasta las 7:00 PM seguida con una Misa Bilingüe a las 7:30 PM.  
Todos son bienvenidos!

**RIFA**— Muchas gracias a todos los que nos han apoyado con la rifa, ya sea los que han vendido boletos como también los que han comprado boletos. Este recaudador de fondos será una gran ayuda para que nuestra parroquia pueda cumplir con algunas de nuestras responsabilidades financieras. Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo.

Tuvimos un buen comienzo, gracias a todos ustedes. Si usted ya termino de vender todos sus boletos, por favor entregue el dinero a la rectoría lo mas pronto posible. Si tenemos los fondos disponible podremos comprar dos televisiones a un buen precio. Recuerden, esta Rifa estará a tiempo para la Navidad.