

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



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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: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Por las Almas del Purgatorio
Ana Jutina Faña (dec)

Sunday, November 27 –First Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Gabriel, Herson, Waldman & Jim Rivera (dec)
Rosary Society
Estebana Nino (birthday)
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Almas del Purgatorio
Clara Hinds (dec)
Luis Francisco Tejada Suarez & Family
Luis Nieves (dec)
- 11:30 am – Vanessa Zipriano (cumpleaños)
Estebana Nino— Acción de Gracias
Cleofe de Jesus Miti (dec)
- 1:15 pm – Jean Pierre Gary Faustin (dec)
Estebana Nino (birthday)

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

- 8:00 am – Margaret Berliner (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Wednesday, November 30—St. Andrew

- 8:00 am – Maude Baker (dec)
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Thursday, December 1

- 9:00 am – (St. Gertrude) Mass available
- 10:00 pm – Pugsley Frohlinger-Smith (dec)

Friday, December 2

- 12:10 pm – Seberina Polanco (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Luis A. Castillo (dec)

Saturday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
- 5:00 pm – Mass available
- 7:30 pm – Inmaculada Concepcion

Sunday, December 4 –Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Mass available
- 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Ana Santiago (dec)
- 11:30 am – Misa disponible
- 1:15 pm – Rosalie McAllister—Thanksgiving

PLEASE PRAY *for* Elias Rodriguez, Marie Gedeon, Ruben de la Cruz, Kristina Payne, Bill Anthony, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially Nira Collado, Francisco Rodriguez, Luis A. Castillo and Josephine Arata.

**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 - \$4687.00
- 2nd Collection last weekend - \$1319.00

**First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010):
\$5455.73**

(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 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7 * Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 * Mk 13:33-37

Mon * Is 2:1-5 * Ps 122:1-9 * Mt 8:5-11

Tues * Is 11:1-10 * Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 * Lk 10:21-24

Wed * Rom 10:9-18 * Ps 19:2-5 * Mt 4:18-22

Thurs * Is 26:1-6 * Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 * Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri * Is 29:17-24 * Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 * Mt 9:27-31

Sat * Is 30:19-21, 23-26 * Ps 147:1-6 * Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

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

NICARAGUAN COMMUNITY

The Nicaraguan Community welcomes everyone to a celebration in honor of The Immaculate Conception on Saturday evening December 3rd at 7:30 P.M.

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

*The bread and wine are given in memory of **Clara Hinds at St. Gertrude.***

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



First Sunday of Advent

THE WAITING GAME

Every Sunday, after the Lord's Prayer, we hear the words of an Advent prayer: "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." In Latin, these words are *Exspectantes beatam spem et adventum Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi*. We see our own words "expectant" and "advent" in them. Another way to say this might be "We are expectant, in joyful hope, at the advent of our Savior, Jesus Christ." Mothers and fathers know that being expectant, while it is a time of joyful hope, is not always an easy time. It is a mistake for us to think that our waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Christ can be a passive, uninvolved time. Quite the contrary! Like expectant parents, we must constantly be working to make sure everything is ready for the important arrival! As Isaiah prays to the coming Lord: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" (Isaiah 64:4).

WATCHING, NOT WAITING

In the Gospel, Jesus moves us from passive waiting to the attitude of waiting in its active form—watchfulness. It is possible, when we are merely waiting, to occupy ourselves with other things. What Jesus tells us today is that we must be occupied with the work of the master; we must be alert, we must be met by him upon his return doing right and being mindful of him in our ways. Paul consoles us that this vigilant watchfulness need not tire us out, for Christ himself has enriched us and strengthened us to remain firm in our expectation, our joyful hope. It is in this way that we wait and watch for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, when he is revealed to us in glory.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Parishes in the United States have begun the implementation of The New Roman Missal on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. The entire Church in the United States has been blessed with this opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives.

Now is the time to seize the opportunity given to us for all Catholics in the United States to deepen, nurture, and celebrate our faith through the renewal of our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

THANKSGIVING

We are grateful to so many people who assisted us in providing Thanksgiving Meals and baskets to those of our community. We especially wish to thank all who prepared the meals and served them to our guests.

We would like to recognize the contributions received from:

The Greybeards The "Ribs", Good Shepherd Parish, St. Francis de Sales, St. Helen, Vista Pharmacy, Blessed Trinity, The Chapin Foundation Inc., The Bling Kings as well as many individuals from the Rockaway community and beyond.

Raffle Tickets Sale

Thanks to all of you who have taken raffle tickets to sell, as well as those who have bought tickets.

We are doing very well. If you still have tickets that you have not yet sold, please start turning them in. We ran out of raffle to sell and we can use them.

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

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO WIC PROGRAM

WIC is a federal supplement nutrition program for women, infant and children. We offer families checks for healthy foods, nutrition counseling and health education, vouchers for the farmer's market, breastfeeding support and referrals for health care and other social services. For more information, please contact the J.P. Addabbo Family Health Center at 718-945-7150.

Mass offered for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

followed by an evening of reflection, adoration and fellowship on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 pm—10:00 pm for men 18 to 40 who may be considering priesthood and/or religious life at St. Michael Friary, 282 Warwick St. Brooklyn, NY. Presented by Fr. Jack Rathschmidt, a Capuchin Franciscan preacher and author. To register call br. Tim Jones, OFM Cap. At 845-642-1025. Please consider this opportunity to prepare well for Christmas, as well as to reflect on your possible call to follow the Lord as a Priest or a Brother.

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

As of November 14, 2011, our pledges total \$59,368.62. The contribution received to date is \$44,764.12; which means that we've reached our diocesan goal of \$44,489.00. Thanks to all of you who made this possible.

If you still have not yet completed your pledge payments, please do so before December 31, 2011.

REMEMBER: that every dollar over \$44,489.00 that is collected is returned to our parish. Please continue to make your payments before December 31, 2011.

St Mary Star of the Sea and St Gertrude

Annual Family Advent Series

*This year's Reflections and Meditations
will be on Holy Mary, Mother of God
With Special Insights from the writings of
St Thomas Aquinas
Blessed Pope John Paul II
and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

**Four Special Nights
With Seasonal Songs and Hymns Preceded
By the Holy Rosary**

**@ St Mary Star of the Sea Church
Beach 20th & New Haven Ave, FR NY**

**7:00pm TUESDAYS NOV. 29
through DEC. 20, 2011**

"The family that prays together stays together"

PRAYER SERVICE

Come join us in remembering our four American women martyred December 2, 1980.

Friday, December 2, 2011
6:30 P.M.

At St. Virgilius
16 Noel Road
Broad Channel, NY



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:

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

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4687.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1319.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5455.73

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!

Día de Acción de Gracias

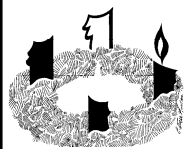
Les estamos muy agradecidos a todas aquellas personas que nos ayudaron a proveer a nuestra comunidad alimentos y cena en el Día de Acción de Gracias. Especialmente le damos las gracias a todos los que prepararon y sirvieron los alimentos.

También le agradecemos la contribución que recibimos de: "The Greybeards", The "Ribs", Parroquia El Buen Pastor, San Francis de Sales, Santa Helen, Farmacia Vista, Sagrada Trinidad, Fundación Chaplin y Los Bling Kings, como también a todos las personas en y fuera de nuestra comunidad.

DIA DE FORMACION— Todos los ministros laicos están cordialmente invitados a participar de **Un Día de Formación** en el Centro de la Inmaculada Concepción, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, en Douglaston el Sábado 10 de Diciembre del 2011 de 8:30 A.M. a 1:00 P.M. Donación \$15.00. Para información favor de ponerse en contacto con Zoila Herrera.

LA COMUNIDAD NICARAGUENSE los invita a todos a la celebración en honor a la Inmaculada Concepción el Sábado 3 de Diciembre a las 7:30 P.M.

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS— Ha sido una antigua tradición cristiana solicitar que una misa sea ofrecida por una persona en vida o fallecida. En la rectoría usted podrá solicitar que una misa sea anunciada. La donación de una misa es quince dólares. Hay un número limitado de misas disponibles desde ahora hasta el final del año.



Primer Domingo de Adviento

EL JUEGO DE LA ESPERA

Cada domingo, después del Padre Nuestro, escuchamos en una oración de Adviento las palabras: "Esperamos gozosos la venida de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo". En latín, *beatam spem et adventum Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi*. Vemos las palabras "esperamos" y "venida". Otro modo de decir esto podría ser "estamos expectantes, con gozosa esperanza, del advenimiento de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo". Madres y padres saben que estar expectantes, aunque es ocasión de gozosa esperanza, no es siempre fácil. Es un error pensar que nuestra gozosa espera de la venida de Cristo pueda ser un tiempo pasivo y sin compromiso. ¡Al contrario! Como padres expectantes, debemos trabajar constantemente para asegurar que estaremos listos para la importante llegada. Como dice Isaías en su plegaria al Dios que ha de venir: "¡Si nos encontraras obrando correctamente, obedeciéndote, siguiendo tus caminos!"

VIGILANDO, NO AGUARDANDO

En el Evangelio, Jesús nos mueve de una espera pasiva a una espera activa —vigilante. Es posible, cuando estamos meramente esperando, ocuparnos en otras cosas. Lo que Jesús nos dice hoy es que debemos ocuparnos en trabajar para que el amo a su retorno nos encuentre obrando bien y obedeciendo sus órdenes. Pablo nos consuela recordándonos que esta vigilante espera no nos producirá cansancio. Porque Cristo mismo nos ha enriquecido y fortalecido para que permanezcamos firmes en nuestra espera, nuestra gozosa espera. En esa forma vigilamos y esperamos el día en que el Señor Jesús nos revelará su gloria.

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

¡Hasta el 17 de Noviembre, el total de las promesas es de \$59,368.62. Hasta la fecha hemos recibido \$44,764.12 de estas promesas. Esto quiere decir a ya hemos alcanzado nuestra meta de \$44,489.00. Nuestro agradecimiento a todas aquellas personas que nos apoyaron a alcanzar nuestra meta.

Si usted no ha terminado de cumplir con su compromiso, por favor trate de hacer antes del 31 de Diciembre del 2011.

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, antes del 31 de Diciembre del 2011.

IMPLEMENTACION DEL NUEVO MISAL ROMANO

Parroquias alrededor de los Estados Unidos comenzaron con la implementación de Nuevo Misal Romano en este Primer Domingo de Adviento, 27 de Noviembre. La Iglesia en los Estados Unidos ha sido bendecida con esta oportunidad de profundizar el entendimiento de la Santa Liturgia, y apreciar su significado y su importancia en nuestras vidas.

Ahora es el momento de tomar esta oportunidad que se nos ha dado a todos los Católicos en los Estados Unidos de profundizar, de alimentar y de celebrar nuestra fe a través de la renovación de veneración y celebración de la Santa Liturgia.

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.

Gracias a ustedes, nuestra rifa va muy bien. Si usted tiene boletos que todavía no ha podido vender, favor de traerlos a la rectoría. Ya no tenemos mas boletos y podríamos usarlos.

Recuerden, esta Rifa estará a tiempo para la Navidad.

RIFA DEL COMITE HONDUREÑO

Los ganadores de la rifa del cuadro de la Santa Cena y la Cruz son:

Juan Garcia	Boleto # 779424 Santa Cena
Rosalina Santiago	Boleto # 779977 La Cruz (Favor de llamar a la rectoría)

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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