

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.

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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),
11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Friday
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 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 Every Friday 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

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

LEGION DE MARIA: (Tres grupos) Lunes 7:30-9:00 PM -
McKenna; Sábados 9:30-11:00 AM—Sta. Gertrudis; Sábados 10:30-
12:00 PM - Sótano de la Rectoría

Rosary Society: 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 & 9:45
Mass

St. Vincent De Paul Society: Contact the Rectory

Charismatic Prayer Group in English Mondays at 7:00 P.M. at
St. Gertrude Church

Stewardship Committee: 2nd Sunday 2:30 P.M.

Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M.
Mass

Haitian Committee

Nigerian Committee: 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro) 2nd & 4th Thursday (Jueves)
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the McKenna Center

AA English: Thursdays 8:00 P.M. & Sundays 6:30 P.M.

AA Spanish: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays
8:00 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6, 2014 - St. Nicholas

5:00 pm - Eulalia Caro (dec)
 7:30 pm - Misa en honor a la Inmaculada Concepción
 Presentación de la bebe Genesis Nayeli Reyes

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:15 am - Derrick Heron (healing)
 Sylvia Lendore (healing)
 9:45 am - Divino Niño Jesús (acción de gracias)
 Lloyd Wallace (dec)
 11:30 am - Oscar Soria (dec)
 Divino Niño Jesús (acción de gracias)
 Pura Gonzalo (cumpleaños)
 1:15 pm - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Monday, December 8, 2014 - The Immaculate Conception

12:10 pm - For the Souls in purgatory by Sinecio
 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014 - St. Juan Diego
 Cuauhtlatatzin**

12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

12:10 pm - For the Souls in purgatory by Sinecio

Thursday, December 11, 2014 - St. Damasus I

12:10 pm - Zoila Lopez (dec)

Friday, December 12, 2014 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:10 pm - Cynthia Abella (thanksgiving)
 7:30 pm - Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
 Zoila Lopez (dec)
 Rosa Amalia Rodrigues
 Dilan Perez (sanación)

Saturday, December 13, 2014 - St. Lucy

5:00 pm - For the Souls in purgatory by Sinecio
 7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)

Sunday, December 14, 2014 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 am - Derrick Heron (healing)
 Sylvia Lendore (healing)
 Vaughn Harris (dec)
 9:45 am - Misa disponible
 11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes
 Samuel Suarez (dec)
 1:15 pm - Martin T. Waldron (dec)
 Helen Sager

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The flowers are given in Thanksgiving.

An Invitation



“Don’t just come to Church, be the Church”

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 - \$4190.00

Second Collection – \$1626.00

First Collection Last Year: \$5103.00

“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.



Pray for

The Sick: Eugene Michaelson, Wilber Renderos, Geraldine Miller, Donna J. Mohammed, Gertrudis Estrada, Lyonel Hilaire, Juan Santana, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithfully departed: Clarence Hanson, Angel Lozada, Daniel J. Carlin

Weekday Readings

Sun * Is 40:1-5,9-11 * Ps 85:9-14 * Mk 1:1-8
Mon * Gn 3:9-15, 20 * Ps 98:1-4 * Lk 1:26-38
Tues * Is 40:1-11 * Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 * Mt 18:12-14
Wed * Is 40:25-31 * Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 * Mt 11:28-30
Thurs * Is 41:13-20 * Ps 145:1,9-13b * Mt 11:11-15
Fri * Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab * Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, 707-712
Sat * Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 * Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 * Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Altar Server Assignments for Dec.8, 13 & 14, 2014

Immaculate Conception - 7:30 PM - Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Edward Peña
Sat. 5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Kevin Robles
Sat. 7:30 PM - Carlena Mayorga, Aaliyah Mayorga –Miranda, Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Zarate
Sun. 8:15 AM – Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Bianca Zalanga, Iziegbeuwa Odia
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
Sun. 11:30 AM – Sebastian Rosas, Edward Peña, Joselin Lopez, Elsa de la Cruz
Sun. 1:15 PM – Lisa Deryce, Dennys Castillo



Second Sunday of Advent

Advent reminds us that while we await “new heavens and a new earth,” we should make ready a way for the Lord now as John the Baptist proclaims. God’s plan for us is not just for the future. It is already with us, urging us to activate it. We are stewards of God’s plan. How are we revealing, unveiling, fulfilling God’s plan in our daily lives? How are we “preparing the way of the Lord?”



Second Sunday of Advent

THE PROPHET'S SONG

The rapturous lines we hear at the very beginning of the Liturgy of the Word today are some of the most familiar of this season. They were written by an author whom scripture scholars call "Second Isaiah," since this one writes with a different style, vocabulary, and content from the author of the first thirty-nine chapters of this book of the Bible. The beautiful words of trust, confidence, and faith were written when Israel was in one of its most profound periods of sadness and turmoil: exile from their land, their Temple, and (some would have believed) their God. Scholars also tell us that this passage was most likely a song or canticle sung by the exiled Israelites during prayer or worship. Like today's psalm, it calls us to look forward in confidence to that day when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:11).

THE HERALD'S CALL

Few of us know what it is like to be in exile. Perhaps we have, at one time or another, been homesick or estranged from family. But we do many things in life that exile us, put us at a great distance from God. John the Baptist, herald of Christ, today is shown calling people to end that exile by his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It is this repentance, Peter tells us in his letter, that we ought to be about as we await the return of the Lord. Even though Advent is not focused on repentance in the same way or to the same degree that Lent is, our repentance is definitely one component of our own making straight a path for the coming of the Lord. We remember Jesus' words from last week's parable to be watchful; for the master does not necessarily end our exile, our distancing, by returning us to him, but by returning to us, and expecting us to be prepared and ready when our days of separation are at an end.



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

This Monday, December 8th we will honor Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. She is the patroness of the United States. Masses will be celebrated at :
12:20 p.m. and 7:30 P.M. bilingual.

December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe – The significant importance of this feast is the manifestation of the Virgin Mary in the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe is known as the Patroness of the Americas. Think of ways stewardship efforts can build relationships with people in other parts of the Americas.

2014 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekly Update

Thank you to all of you who have already made a pledge.

Remember, all money received above the \$47,883.00 will be returned to the parish.

As of December 1, 2014 we have received pledges totaling \$53,150.00. With just 3 weeks left to fulfill our goal, we really need your help. We will not receive any return back from the diocese until we've completely satisfied our goal of \$47,883.00 All of our parishioners are being asked on to make a pledge.

So far, we've collected \$45,190.00 from 984 pledges; we have \$2,693.00 more to collect to satisfy our diocesan goal. However, our parish's goal is to surpass \$47,883.00 in order to make sure that a nice amount of money is returned to our parish. We have over 1100 registered parishioners. **WE CAN DO IT!**

Can Father Fulgencio count on all of you to make a pledge? It doesn't matter how much you pledge; \$5.00. \$25.00, \$500.00, whatever you can afford. The goal is to have all parishioners make a commitment and a contribution.

If you have not yet done so, please fill out a commitment form, along with the payment, and return it to the diocese, or drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Masses, or drop it off at the rectory. Also, please speak to your family, friends and fellow-parishioners to ask them to make their pledges. **Pledges can be made up to December 21, 2014, to assure that all monies are properly recorded and credited to our parish by December 31, 2014.**

REMEMBER: that every dollar that we receive over \$47,883.00 is returned to our parish. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!!**

Community Happenings Corner

Part Time positions available for RN's, LPN's, CAN's and per Diem Cooks—Stella Maris Convent is looking for caring, qualified individuals to become part of their health care team. Send resume to Sister Mary Ellen Vesey, CSJ, c/o Stella Maris Convent, 140 Beach 112th St. Rockaway Park, NY 11694 or email to sme319@aol.com.

Build it Back at Councilman Richards Far Rockaway Office

A Build it Back representative is available on Mondays from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Councilman Richards Far Rockaway office – 1931 Mott Avenue, Room 410. Please take advantage of this assistance, even if you have already went through the Build it Back process. **Must call for an appointment—718-471-7014.**

Disaster Hotline for Homeowners—For homeowners who are still unable to resolve disputes with insurers, call the Disaster Hotline who will be able to answer questions and help with problems. You may also file complaints at: <http://w.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/filecomplaint.htm>.

The Salvation Army is here to help the people of Far

Rockaway—The Salvation Army Rockaway Recovery Office has opened and is accepting impacted individuals for disaster case management. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call their office at (347) 926-4167 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Community Happenings Corner

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Far Rockaway Long Term Recovery Assistance "Call to Action"

The Far Rockaway Long term Recovery team meet every other Wednesday night. This group is diligently working to assist in the long term recovery of the Rockaways. They can offer assistance and referrals to families who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Join them at their next meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Battalion Pentecostal Assembly, Inc., 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. All are welcome; pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

Foreclosure Assistance—The Parodneck Foundation is a city-wide not-for-profit organization who assists homeowners who are faced with foreclosure. **Must call to make an appointment – 718 527-4356.**

JOBS ARE AVAILABLE

ReServe is offering paid, part-time positions for afternoon Tutors through the MS ExTRA program with the NYC Department of Education and the After School Corporation (TASC). Visit their website for more information – www.reserveinc.org, or call 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back is hiring! For an up-to-date listing of positions, visit their website at <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html>? Keyword = build+it+back.

FedEx has seasonal jobs for drivers. Drivers must have a clean driving record and driving experience within the past 3 years. Fill out applications at fedex.jobsonline.com.

Annual Civil Service Exam Schedule - The NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services currently has Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers (CTACs) open to the public. Visit their website to apply for jobs and get exam schedules and filing deadlines at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs

PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR "HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS"

The Rockaway Waterfront Alliance has listed the following two paid internships for high school students:

Shore Corps – a paid internship program, where students are selected through a formal interview process. Students must be 15-19 years of age to apply. Once accepted, students will meet every Wednesday from 4PM to 6PM and every Sunday from 10AM to 1PM, beginning January 21, 2015 in the Winter/Spring. To apply, see contact information below.

Environmentor – a paid, scientific research program open to sophomores and juniors currently attending high school. Students must submit an application with a recommendation from a science teacher and participate in an interview process. Once accepted, students will meet every Thursday from 4PM to 6PM and one weekend a month in the Winter and twice a week in the Spring, beginning on January 15, 2015.

NOTE: Registration deadline is December 22, 2014 for both internships. You must download registration materials from the website and send in completed forms by mail or email. The website address is www.rwalliance.org/rwa/programs. Email your completed application to Program Director John Cruz at jcruz@rwalliance.org

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4190.00
Segunda Colecta: \$1626.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5103.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$4416.33

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!

**Segundo Domingo de Adviento****LA CANCIÓN DEL PROFETA**

Las arrebatadoras líneas que escuchamos al comenzar la Liturgia de la Palabra de hoy son de las más familiares de esta estación. Fueron escritas por un autor que los peritos en las Sagradas Escrituras llaman el "Segundo Isaías", porque su estilo, vocabulario, y contenido son diferentes a los del autor de los primeros 39 capítulos de este libro de la Biblia. Las bellas palabras de confianza, confidencia, y fe fueron escritas cuando Israel pasaba por uno de los más profundos periodos de tristeza y desasosiego: exiliado de su tierra, su Templo, y (algunos llegaron a creer) su Dios. Los especialistas nos dicen también que este pasaje fue, muy posiblemente, una canción o un cántico que los israelitas exiliados cantaban mientras oraban o adoraban. Como el salmo de hoy, nos llama a mirar hacia adelante con confianza, al día en que "la bondad y la verdad se encontrarán, la justicia y la paz se besarán".

LA LLAMADA DEL HERALDO

Pocos de nosotros sabemos lo que es ser exiliado. Quizás hemos, en uno u otro momento, sentido nostalgia o echado de menos a nuestra familia. Pero hacemos muchas cosas en la vida que nos exilian, nos ponen a gran distancia de Dios. Juan el Bautista, heraldo de Cristo, hoy se nos presenta llamando a la gente a poner fin al exilio mediante el bautismo de arrepentimiento para perdón de los pecados. Es este arrepentimiento, nos dice Pedro hoy en su carta, el que debemos buscar mientras esperamos el retorno del Señor. Aunque el Adviento no se concentra en el arrepentimiento del mismo modo o al grado que la Cuaresma, nuestro arrepentimiento es definitivamente un componente de nuestro propio esfuerzo por enderezar la senda para la venida del Señor. Recordamos las palabras de Jesús la semana pasada en la parábola sobre estar vigilantes; porque el maestro no necesariamente termina nuestro exilio, nuestro distanciamiento, haciéndonos regresar a él, sino regresando a nosotros y esperando que estemos listos cuando nuestros días de separación lleguen a su fin.



Segundo Domingo de Adviento

El adviento nos recuerda que mientras nosotros esperamos "nuevos cielos y una tierra nueva, en los cuales mora la justicia"; debemos preparar ahora el camino para el señor, como proclama Juan el bautista. el plan de dios para nosotros, no es sólo para el futuro. en este momento está con nosotros, impulsándonos para activarlo. nosotros somos corresponsables del plan de dios. ¿Cómo estamos revelando, descubriendo y cumpliendo el plan de en nuestras vidas? Cómo estamos "preparando el camino del Señor"?

CELEBRACIONES ESPECIALES

El Lunes 8 de Diciembre celebramos la Festividad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María – Patrona de los Estados Unidos. **Tendremos misas a las 12:10 P.M. y a las 7:30 P.M. Bilingüe.**

Diciembre 12 – Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe – La importancia significativa de esta fiesta es la manifestación de la Virgen María en las Américas. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es conocida como Patrona de las Américas. Piense en maneras en las que los esfuerzos de corresponsabilidad puedan construir relaciones con personas en otras partes de América. **La Misa en su honor será celebrada el Viernes 12 de Diciembre a las 7:30 P.M.**



Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

"Llamada a la Acción" Asistencia de Recuperación a Largo Plazo de Far Rockaway—El equipo de recuperación a largo plazo de Far Rockaway se reúne cada segundo Miércoles. Este grupo está trabajando diligentemente para ayudar en la recuperación a largo plazo de los Rockaways. Pueden ofrecer ayuda y referencias a las familias que fueron afectadas por el huracán Sandy. Únete a ellos el Miércoles, 17 de Diciembre 2014, de 7:00 PM a 8:30 en la Iglesia Batallón Asamblea Pentecostal, 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. Corra la voz a sus familiares, vecinos y amigos. Todos son bienvenidos.

Reconstruyendo de Nuevo—Un representante de Reconstruyendo de Nuevo estará disponible los lunes de 12:00-5:00 en la oficina del Concejal Richards Far Rockaway, 1931 Mott Avenue, Room 410. Por favor trate de aprovechar esta oportunidad de ayuda, aunque haya pasado por el proceso de Reconstruyendo de Nuevo.

Asistencia de Hipotecas - La Fundación Parodneck es una organización sin fines de lucro que ayuda a los propietarios de viviendas que se enfrentan a una ejecución hipotecaria. Necesita hacer una cita - 718 527-4356.

El Ejército de Salvación está aquí para ayudar al pueblo de Far Rockaway - El Ejército de Salvación (Salvation Army) ha abierto su oficina y esta aceptando casos para ayudar a aquellos afectados por el huracán Sandy. Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita ayuda, por favor llame al (347) 926-4167.

TRABAJOS DISPONIBLES

Boulevard Family Transitional Residence tiene los siguientes trabajos disponibles: Director de Programas, Trabajador social, Supervisor de Turno, Especialista en vivienda, Chofer, Supervisor de Servicio de Comida, Especialista Recreacional, Consejero de Seguridad, Especialista en Cuidado de Niños y administrador de casos. Visite su sitio web para ver las descripciones de trabajo y cualificaciones - <http://samaritanvillage.org>, y busque "Careers" en el menú de navegación superior.

ReServe está ofreciendo puestos a tiempo parcial para tutores de la tarde a través del programa MS ExTRA con el Departamento de Educación de NYC y la Corporación del Programa Después de la Escuela (TASC). Visite su sitio web para obtener más información - www.reserveinc.org, o llame al 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back está contratando! Para obtener una lista actualizada de las posiciones, visite su sitio web en <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html>? Palabra clave = build+ it+ back.

Horario de exámenes del Servicio Civil - El Departamento de Servicios Administrativos de la Ciudad de Nueva York tiene actualmente Centros de Exámenes & Aplicaciones (CTACS) abiertos al público. Visite su sitio web www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs para solicitar puestos de trabajo y obtener los horarios de exámenes.

FedEx tienes trabajos de temporada para conductores. Los conductores deben tener un historial limpio y experiencia manejando en los últimos 3 años. Llame una aplicación en línea en fedex.jobsonline.com

Prácticas pagadas para "estudiantes de secundaria"

Waterfront Alliance de Rockaway tiene las siguientes dos prácticas pagadas para estudiantes de secundaria:

Shore Corps - un programa de practicas pagadas, donde los estudiantes son seleccionados a través de un proceso formal de entrevista. Los estudiantes deben tener 15 a 19 años de edad para aplicar. Una vez aceptados, los estudiantes se reunirán todos los miércoles 4:00-6:00 P.M. y todos los domingos 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., a partir 21 de enero 2015, invierno / primavera.

Ecología - un programa de investigación científica pagado abierta para estudiantes en el segundo y tercer año que actualmente asisten a la escuela secundaria. Los estudiantes deben presentar una solicitud con una recomendación de un profesor de ciencias y participar en un proceso de entrevistas. Una vez aceptados, los estudiantes se reunirán todos los jueves 4:00-6:00 y un fin de semana al mes en invierno y dos veces por semana en la primavera, que comienza el 15 de enero de 2015.

NOTA: El plazo de inscripción es el 22 de diciembre 2014, para ambas practicas. Debe descargar los materiales de inscripción de la página web y enviar formularios cumplimentados por correo o correo electrónico. La dirección del sitio web es www.rwalliance.org/rwa/programs. Enviar su solicitud al Programa Director de Juan Cruz a jcruz@rwalliance.org