

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



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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.

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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: 1st & 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: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS*Saturday, December 11—St. Damasus I*

- 12:10 pm – The Mc Groary Family (dec)
 5:00 pm – Mrs. McMelis (dec)
 Marion Polichak (dec)
 Kathleen Sullivan (dec)
 7:30 pm – Virgen de Guadalupe —Acción de Gracia
 Merle Pazo Hoyos (dec)
 Oscar Soria (dec)
 Adrian Guzman (cumpleaños)
 Irma Guerra (dec)
 Acción de Gracias

Sunday, December 12—Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Eugene Turner (dec)
 Mass for the People
 9:45 am – Marvin Perdomo (sanación)
 11:30 am – Zoila Herrera—Acción de Gracia
 Fatima Molina (cumpleaños)
 Por los Sacerdotes —Acción de Gracia
 Zoila Yepez (sanación)
 Nydia Rodriuez (sanación)
 Isabel & Jesús Hernandez
 1:15 pm – Mass available

Monday, December 13—St. Lucy

- 8:00 am – Mass available
 12:10 pm – James Higgins (dec)

Tuesday, December 14—St. John of the Cross

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

Wednesday, December 15

- 8:00 am – Mass available
 12:10 pm – Kadiri Anakhu (dec)
 Nicole Navarro (birthday)

Thursday, December 16

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

Friday, December 17

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Saturday, December 18

- 12:10 pm – Martin T. Waldron (dec)
 Mary Regina Curley
 5:00 pm – Ronald J. Zogby (dec)
 7:30 pm – Misa disponible

Sunday, December 19—Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Mass available
 9:45 am – Reuben Vasquez (dec)
 11:30 am – Argelia Molina (dec)
 Isabel Casanova (dec)
 1:15 pm – Mass for the People

Dedication of the Memorial Benches and Lampost,
 December 18th after the 5:00 P.M. Mass, in
 memory of Consejo R. Villadiego.

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 CollectionWeekend of 12-4 & 12-5 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Christmas Mass Remembrance	Total Collection
5:00 PM	74	36	\$711.26	23	\$276.10	\$987.36
7:30 PM	218	45	\$833.56	10	\$271.20	\$1,104.76
8:15 AM	180	82	\$1,508.85	37	\$241.00	\$1,749.85
9:45 AM	242	57	\$635.42	33	\$263.50	\$898.92
11:30 AM	446	62	\$953.99	20	\$538.75	\$1,492.74
1:15 PM	186	49	\$954.31	27	\$271.50	\$1,225.81
Christmas Flowers		23	\$236.00			\$236.00
Totals	1346	354	\$ 5,833.39	150	\$ 1,862.05	\$7,695.44

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5805.36

(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.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Is 35:1-6a, 10 * Ps 146:6-10 * Mt 11:2-11

Mon * Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a * Ps 25:4-9 * Mt 21:23-27

Tues * Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 * Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23 * Mt 21:28-32

Wed * Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 * Ps 85:9-14 * Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs * Is 54:1-10 * Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 * Lk 7:24-30

Fri * Gn 49:2, 8-10 * Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17 * Mt 1:1-17

Sat * Jer 23:5-8 * Ps 72:1, 12-13, 18-19 * Mt 1:18-25

PLEASE PRAY for Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yepez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Juan Vasquez, Ulitt Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Annabel Davis, Wiloby & Lukey Snips, Vivian & Edith Hall, Nydia Rodriguez, Lucinda Staten, Kathleen Briza and our faithful departed: James J. Radigan, Albert Joseph King.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister**.

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for **Rosalie McAllister**.



Third Sunday of Advent

GOD'S FAVOR

Jesus was deep into his work when John the Baptist was imprisoned for speaking truth to power. John's disciples were immersed in their own lives when his imprisonment was visited upon them. They didn't have the luxury of hindsight, and they were visibly shaken by John's imprisonment and certain fate. They came to Jesus to ask John's question and their own, "Are you the one?"

As evidence of his identity, Jesus recites the signs of God's favor. The words he uses echo those of Isaiah. These are the very words from the first reading, and they are fresh in our minds. Jesus does not give us abstractions or high-sounding ideas. He does not speak of a God who reigns in highest heaven. He speaks of a God who acts on our behalf. John's disciples can see that God's power plays itself out in compassion. We are invited to see this, too. Not only that, we are invited to be the instrument of God's compassion, just as Jesus was.

GOD'S WORK

Jesus also takes time to sing the praises of John, this principled man who does not change with the wind. Jesus reiterates that there is no greater person born of woman than John the Baptist. His was the privilege of heralding the coming of the Savior. But greater than this, Jesus pointedly adds, is John's participation in the reign of God.

Our role is not to announce the coming of the Lord, but to receive the Lord whom John heralded. If the earth is to bud forth a Savior in our time, it will have to be through our healing mission that is his work. For John, this work cost him his life. We have the vocation of continuing this costly work. Especially during this season, we are asked to recall our commitment to healing, reconciliation, and peacemaking. This is a rejoicing Sunday because we can see and taste Christmas. This is a season of joyful anticipation as we consciously look for ways to be active, effective members of the reign of God.

Christmas Schedule...

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2010

4:00 P.M.	Christmas Carols	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
5:00 P.M.	Family Mass	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
11:30 P.M.	Christmas Carols	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bilingual
12 Midnight	MASS	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bilingual

Christmas Day – December 25, 2010

8:15 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
9:45 A.M.	St. Gertrude	English
11:30 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish

New Year's Eve Mass – December 31, 2010

7:30 P.M.	MASS	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Bilingual
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New Year's Day – January 1, 2011

9:00 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	English
11:30 A.M.	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Spanish

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA—Sunday, December 12th from 9am to 12:00pm in the school auditorium. Tickets for the breakfast are available for \$5 per person. Everyone attending must have a ticket. Pictures with Santa will also be available for \$3 a photo. Payment for the pictures will be made at the breakfast. Tickets will also be sold at the door. All children are welcome!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES' FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Confirmation students will be having a Cake Sale in the garden in front of the Church on Saturday and Sunday, December 18 & 19. They will begin the sales at 10:00 am on Saturday and will wrap it off after the late Saturday masses. They will resume the sale on Sunday throughout all the Masses.

Are
you
the
one
who
is to
come?



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER For Advent

Lord, As we journey through this Advent Season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful,
to listen more intently to Your Word,
a time to allow our faith to grow and mature.

Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship.

Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You.

And fill our hearts with hope,
so that we may make straight Your path
and prepare for the joy of Your coming!

BLOOD PREASURE SCREENING—St. John's Hospital will conduct blood pressure screenings here at St. Mary and St. Gertrude Parish on:

Sun. Jan. 23—11 am to 2:30 pm
Sun. Feb. 27— 11 am to 2:30 pm
Sun. Mar. 20—11 am to 2:30 pm

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.

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.

HEAP PROGRAM—Do you need assistance with paying your heating bill? Is your heat cut off because of lack of payment? Apply for a Heap Benefit today!! NYC Council Member James Sanders Jr. is offering The Home Energy Assistance Program (H.E.A.P.) The HEAP Program assists low-income New Yorkers with heating their homes. Assistance is based on income, the primary fuel source, and the number of household members between ages of 6 and 60 or older, or permanently disabled. Apply Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Councilman Sanders' new Far Rockaway Office, 1526 Central Avenue, Far Rockaway—718-471-7014. No appointment necessary—First come, First served.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MARKET

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Rose of Lima School
154 Beach 84th Street
Rockaway Beach

ALL NEW MERCHANDISE

MANY VENDORS

REFRESHMENT AVAILABLE

COME FOR BREAKFAST/LUNCH

TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Diocesan Substance Abuse Hotline Holiday Resource

For those who struggle with alcohol and substance abuse, the holidays can be a hard time. Pick up the phone if you or your loved one needs assistance in this area. Call the Diocesan Substance Abuse Hotline at 1-800-659-1603. Our hours are: Mon., Wed. & Thurs. (8:30 AM—8:00 PM) Tues. & Fri. (8:30 AM—5:00 PM) Sat. (9:00 AM—1:00 PM). Someone on the other end is waiting to assist you or your loved one in starting a new life in recovery. We are closed on Christmas Day (12/25/10.) If you need immediate assistance on this day please call Alcoholic Anonymous New York Intergroup for support and meeting information, 212-647-1680.

“Camp Fatima and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registration for the 2011 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. To request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or e-mail mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org, or visit us on the web at www.campsfatimabernadette.org.

ORACION DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Para el Adviento

Señor, Al transitar a través de esta época de Adviento, danos la sabiduría para ser Buenos corresponsables de este periodo de gracia, un tiempo para ser mas devotos, para escuchar mas cuidadosamente
Tu Palabra; un tiempo para permitir que nuestra fe crezca y madure.
Muéstranos como dar testimonio de tus Buenas Nuevas mas fervientemente, entre nuestras familias, amigos y aquellos con quienes compartimos el culto.
Ayúdanos a ser mas conscientes de aquellos que se encuentran en pobreza, soledad o sufrimiento; y a servirlos, como si estuviéramos sirviéndote a Ti
Y llena nuestros corazones de esperanza, para que podamos forjar con rectitud Tu sendero y estar preparados para el gozo de Tu llegada! Amen.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$7,695.44****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5805.36****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!



Tercer Domingo de Adviento

EL FAVOR DE DIOS

Jesús estaba muy enfrascado en su misión cuando Juan Bautista fue encarcelado por haber dicho la verdad a los poderosos. Los discípulos de Juan estaban sumergidos en las actividades de su vida cuando tuvieron que pasar por la dolorosa experiencia del encarcelamiento de Juan. No tenían la ventaja de una visión retrospectiva, y se estremecieron visiblemente frente al encarcelamiento y certero destino de Juan. Vinieron a Jesús para hacerle la pregunta de Juan y la suya. "¿Eres tú el que ha de venir?"

Como evidencia de su identidad, Jesús menciona las señales del favor de Dios. Sus palabras son eco de las palabras de Isaías. Son las mismas palabras de la primera lectura y están frescas en nuestra mente. Jesús no nos da abstracciones ni ideas pomposas. No habla de un Dios que reina en lo alto de los cielos. Habla de un Dios que actúa en nuestro beneficio. Los discípulos de Juan pueden ver que el poder de Dios se realiza en la compasión. También nosotros estamos invitados a entender esto. Pero además, estamos invitados a ser instrumentos de la compasión de Dios, como lo fue Jesús.

LA OBRA DE DIOS

Jesús también toma tiempo para alabar a Juan, un hombre de principios, que no cambia según la marea. Jesús reafirma que no hay nadie nacido de mujer más grande que Juan, pues tuvo el privilegio de anunciar la venida del Salvador. Pero aún mayor que eso, añade Jesús enfáticamente, es la participación de Juan en el reino de Dios.

Nuestro papel no es anunciar la venida del Señor, sino recibir al Señor anunciado por Juan. Si de la tierra brotara hoy un Salvador, tendría que ser producto de nuestra misión misericordiosa y compasiva, lo cual es obra de Dios. Tenemos la vocación de continuar esta obra costosa. A Juan esta obra le costó la vida. Especialmente durante este tiempo, estamos llamados a recordar nuestro compromiso de sanar, reconciliar y buscar la paz. Éste es un domingo para regocijarnos, porque podemos ver y probar la Navidad. Éste es un tiempo de expectación jubilosa mientras conscientemente buscamos modos de ser miembros activos y eficaces del reino de Dios.

Horario Navideño

Noche Buena – Diciembre 24, 2010

4:00 P.M.	Villancicos	Santa María	Ingles
5:00 P.M.	Misa Familiar	Santa María	Ingles
11:30 P.M.	Villancicos	Santa María	Bilingüe
12 Medianoche	MISA	Santa María	Bilingüe

Navidad – Diciembre 25, 2010

8:15 A.M.	Santa María	Ingles
9:45 A.M.	St. Gertrudis	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Santa María	Español

Año Viejo – Diciembre 31, 2010

7:30 P.M.	MISA	Santa María	Bilingüe
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Año Nuevo – Enero 1, 2011

9:00 A.M.	Santa María	Ingles
11:30 A.M.	Santa María	Español

JÓVENES CANDIDATOS A LA CONFIRMACIÓN

RECAUDAN FONDOS—Los candidatos a la Confirmación tendrán un venta de bizcochos, pasteles, refrescos y otras golosinas en el jardín al frente de la Iglesia durante el sábado y domingo, días 18 y 19 de diciembre. Comenzaran la venta a las 10:00 am el sábado y la prolongaran hasta concluidas las misas vespertinas del sábado. Resumen le venta el domingo durante todas las misas.

DESAYUNO CON SANTA—Domingo 12 de Diciembre, de 9am a 12:00pm en el auditorio de la escuela Santa María. Boletos disponibles por \$5 por persona. Los niños deben de estar acompañados por un adulto. Todos deberán tener su boleto para poder entrar al desayuno. También se tomaran fotos con Santa por un valor de \$3.00 por foto. Todos los niños son bienvenidos!

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.

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.