

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



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

MASS INTENTIONS*Saturday, December 17*

- 12:10 pm – Milito Diaz (dec), Milor Diaz (dec)
 5:00 pm – Marino Adamez (dec), Jacinto Adamez (dec)
 Holy Child—Thanksgiving
 7:30 pm – Isabel Casanova (dec)
 Luis Antonio Castillo (dec)
 Ruben De La Cruz (dec)

Sunday, December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Mass available
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Craig Sohl (dec)
 Hector Barrios (dec)
 11:30 am – Argelia Molina (dec), Luis A. Castillo (dec)
 1:15 pm – Mary Regina Curley (dec)
 Martin T. Waldron (dec)

Monday, December 19

- 8:00 am – Mass available
 12:10 pm – Mary Martz (dec)

Tuesday, December 20—St. Lucy

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

Wednesday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius

- 8:00 am – Rev. Samuel Arriatu (dec.—1st anniversary)
 12:10 pm – Mass available

Thursday, December 22

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

Friday, December 23—St. John of Kanty

- 12:10 pm – Susan Singh-Smith (birthday)
 7:30 pm – Manuel Dionisio Hoyos (dec)

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

- 12:10 pm – Mass available
 5:00 pm – Rosalie McAlister—Thanksgiving
 12 Midnight – John Schiavone (dec)
 Luis Antonio Castillo (dec)

Sunday, December 25 –The Nativity of the Lord

- 8:15 am – Rosary Society
 Gabriel, Herson, Waldman, Jim Rivera (dec)
 9:45 am – (St. Gertrude) Almas del Purgatorio
 11:30 am – Luis Antonio Castillo (dec)
 1:15 pm – Sean Murray (dec)
 Angeline & Joseph Pandolfo

PLEASE PRAY *for* Eileen Barton, Roberto Bonilla, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed especially Ruben de la Cruz.

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The sanctuary candle is given by Claire Borgella..

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 - \$6367.00
2nd Collection last weekend - \$1815.00

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year (2010):
\$5508.00

(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 * 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12, 14,16 * Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 * Lk 1:26-38

Mon * Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25 * Ps 71:3-6, 16-17 * Lk 1:5-25

Tues * Is 7:10-14 * Ps 24:1-6 * Lk 1:26-38

Wed * Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18 * Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 * Lk 1:39-45

Thurs * 1 Sm 1:24-28 * 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8 * Lk 1:46-56

Fri * Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 * Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 * Lk 1:57-66

Sat * 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 * Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 * Lk 1:67-79

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.

*****STARS OF ST. MARY*****

Congratulations MATTHEW GARDNER AND EDWIN RAMOS from our parish who attained honors this marking period at Archbishop Molloy High School.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

FROM AGE TO AGE AND PLACE TO PLACE

There is a teaching from the rabbis that "When Israel wanders, God stays with them; when Israel stays in one place, God wanders." Of course God never left the chosen people; this is the rabbis' way of saying that human beings can get too grounded in earthly things and dwelling places. Our hearts get crowded, there is no room, and so God must wander. The people of ancient Israel were for much of their history a nomadic, wandering, tribal people. Their time in the desert and their years of exile in Babylon were the high points of their religious formation. Many feared that if a mortal ascended the throne of Israel as king, then God would be dethroned as the true king of Israel. Likewise they feared that if God had a permanent dwelling or temple, then they would no longer know the *shekinah* of God, their term for God pitching a tent in their midst, joining them as a companion in their journey. These fears underlie the voice of the prophet Nathan in today's first reading.

A PLACE FOR GOD TO DWELL

In a few short days, on Christmas morning, we will hear John's Gospel account of the incarnation: "And the Word became Flesh, and came to dwell among us" (John 1:14). John uses the Greek version of *shekinah* to emphasize that Jesus, God among us, pitched his tent on earth to be our companion on our journey. For much of his earthly ministry, Jesus was an itinerant preacher, a nomad. While most of us live in permanent places and are not called to this kind of mobility, we would do well to ask if there is still a place in our hearts for Jesus to pitch his tent. As we have surely heard and read over the past several weeks, we ought to "keep Christ in Christmas." This is a lesson for all seasons today, a lesson that Israel struggled to learn, a lesson that our own Church has struggled with as it assumed the trappings of earthly status. We need to make sure that when God-in-Flesh comes knocking at our door, we can respond that there is plenty of room within.



Dear Parishioner,

May the Prince of Peace be present in your hearts and your homes this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Together let us celebrate the love of God made present in the birth of Jesus Christ and now made present whenever we share His Love.

On behalf of the Parish Staff I extend this greeting to you and to your family. I invite you to join with us in celebrating the great gift of God's presence among us.

May the grace and peace of the Infant Savior be felt in your family this Christmas and during the coming year.

Queridos Feligreses

Que el Príncipe de la Paz este presente en sus corazones y sus hogares en esta Navidad y durante el Año Nuevo. Juntos celebraremos el amor de Dios hecho presente en el Nacimiento de Cristo Jesús y ahora hecho presente cuando compartimos su amor.

De parte de nuestro personal parroquial les deseamos muchas felicidades a usted y sus familiares. Los invito a unirse a nosotros para celebrar el gran regalo de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros.

Que la gracia y la paz del Niño Salvador sea sentida en su familia esta Navidad y durante el Año Nuevo.



Update for Fall 2011 Raffle

We did it! With the help and work of so many of you, we have passed our goal of \$10,000.00 The total amount of raffles sold will appear in next week's bulletin.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible..

MISA DE SANACIÓN

Por el Padre Fulgencio Gutiérrez

El 28 de Diciembre del 2011

A las 7:30 P.M. en la

Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar
y Santa Gertrudis.



Christmas Eve – December 24, 2011

CONFESSIONS

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.—St. Mary Star of the Sea

MASSES

4:00 P.M. Christmas Carols - English

5:00 P.M. Family Mass - English

11:30 P.M. Christmas Carols - Bilingual

12 Midnight MASS - Bilingual

Christmas Day – December 25, 2011

MASSES

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

1:15 P.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - English

New Year's Eve Mass – December 31, 2011

CONFESSIONS

3:30 P.M.- 4:30 P.M.—St. Mary Star of the Sea

MASSES

5:00 P.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - English

7:30 P.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - Spanish

New Year's Day – January 1, 2012

8:15 A.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - English

9:45 A.M. - St. Gertrude - Spanish

11:30 A.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - Spanish

1:15 P.M. - St. Mary Star of the Sea - English

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal *Weekly Update*

Yeah!!! Congratulations everyone! We did it!

As of December 8, 2011, our pledges total \$61,394.12. The contributions received to date is \$48,787.62; which means that we've surpassed our diocesan goal of \$44,489.00. Thanks to all of you, the 42% of our parishioners, who made this possible.

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

If you have not made a pledge at all, please consider making a one-time pledge of at least \$5.00.

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.

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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"

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6367.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1815.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5508.00

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!

RESUMEN DE LA RIFA 2011

Lo Logramos! Con la ayuda y la colaboración de muchos pudimos llegar a nuestra meta de \$10,000.00. El total de los boletos vendidos estará en el boletín de la próxima semana.

Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los que nos apoyaron para hacer esta rifa posible.

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



Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

DE EDAD EN EDAD Y DE SITIO EN SITIO

Hay una enseñanza de los rabinos que dice que “Cuando Israel vaga, Dios permanece con ellos; cuando Israel se detiene en un sitio, Dios vaga”. Claro que Dios nunca abandonó a su pueblo escogido; esta es la forma de los rabinos decir que los seres humanos pueden apegarse demasiado a las cosas y a los hogares terrenales. Nuestro corazón está atiborrado, no hay espacio, y Dios tiene que alejarse. El pueblo del antiguo Israel fue, por gran parte de su historia un pueblo nómada, errante, tribal. Su tiempo en el desierto y sus años en el exilio de Babilonia fueron los puntos sobresalientes de su formación religiosa. Muchos temían que si un mortal subía al trono de Israel como rey, Dios iba a ser destronado como verdadero rey de Israel. Igualmente temían que si Dios fijaba su morada en el templo, ya no conocerían la *shekinah* de Dios, el símbolo de que Dios colocaba una tienda en medio de ellos uniéndose a ellos como compañero en sus viajes. Estos temores se reflejan en la voz del profeta Natán en la primera lectura de hoy.

UN SITIO PARA QUE DIOS HABITE

Dentro de pocos días, en la mañana de Navidad, oiremos la narración de la Encarnación en el Evangelio de Juan: “Y el Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros”. Juan usa la versión griega de *shekinah*, para enfatizar que Jesús, Dios con nosotros, armó su tienda en la tierra para ser nuestro compañero de viaje. Por casi todo su ministerio en la tierra, Jesús fue un predicador itinerante, un nómada. Aunque la mayoría de nosotros vive en sitios permanentes y no somos llamados a esta clase de movilidad, sería bueno que nos preguntáramos si aún hay lugar en nuestro corazón para que Jesús arme su tienda. Seguramente hemos oído y leído durante las últimas semanas, que debemos “conservar el nacimiento de Cristo en la Navidad”. Esta es una lección para todas las estaciones hoy, una lección que Israel aprendió con dificultad, una lección con la que nuestra Iglesia ha luchado al asumir los adornos del estado terrenal. Necesitamos estar seguros de que cuando Dios hecho Carne toca nuestra puerta, podremos responder que hay suficiente espacio adentro.

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.

Horario Navideño

Noche Buena – 24 de Diciembre, 2011 CONFESIONES

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.—Sta. María

MISAS

4:00 P.M. Villancicos - Sta. María - Ingles
5:00 P.M. Misa Familiar - Sta. María - Ingles
11:30 P.M. Villancicos - Sta. María - Bilingüe
12 Media Noche - Sta. María - Bilingüe

Navidad – 25 de Diciembre, 2011 MISAS

8:15 A.M. - Sta. María - Ingles
9:45 A.M. - Sta. Gertrudis - Ingles
11:30 A.M. - Sta. María - Español
1:15 P.M. - Sta. María - Ingles

Año Viejo – 31 de Diciembre, 2011 CONFESIONES

3:30 P.M.- 4:30 P.M. - Sta. María

MISAS

5:00 P.M. - Sta. María - Ingles
7:30 P.M. - Sta. María - Español

Año Nuevo – 1 de Enero, 2012

8:15 A.M. - Sta. María - Ingles
9:45 A.M. - Sta. Gertrudis - Español
11:30 A.M. - Sta. María - Español
1:15 P.M. - Sta. María - Ingles

Resumen Actualizado de la Campaña Anual Católica

¡¡YEAH!! Felicidades a todos! LO LOGRAMOS!

Hasta el 8 de Diciembre, el total de las promesas es de \$61,394.12. Hasta la fecha hemos recibido \$48,787.62 de estas promesas. Esto significa que sobrepasamos nuestra meta diocesana de \$44,489.00. Muchas gracias al 42% de nuestros feligreses 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.

Si usted no hizo una promesa, trate de hacer tan solo una promesa de por lo menos \$5.00.

No se olvide que todo el dinero recaudado sobre los \$44,489.00 será devuelto a nuestra parroquia. Por favor continúe haciendo su contribución lo mas pronto posible, antes del 31 de Diciembre del 2011.