

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



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Deacon Michael C. Moss
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PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

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 18

- 12:10 pm – Martin T. Waldron (dec)
Mary Regina Curley
- 5:00 pm – Ronald J. Zogby (dec)
- 7:30 pm – Irvin Mauricio Elias Urbano (dec)

Sunday, December 19—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am – Monsignor John Bracken—Thanksgiving
- 9:45 am – Reuben Vasquez (dec), Hector Barrios (dec)
- 11:30 am – Argelia Molina (dec), Isabel Casanova (dec)
Divino Niño—Acción de Gracias
- 1:15 pm – Mass for the People

Monday, December 20

- 8:00 am – Mass available
- 12:10 pm – Aurea Riveaux (dec)

Tuesday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius

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

Wednesday, December 22

- 8:00 am – Jesus of Prague—Thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm – Mass available

Thursday, December 23—St. John of Kanty

- 9:00 am – Mass available at St. Gertrude
- 12:10 pm – Susan Singh-Smith (birthday)
Rosalie Rivara

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

- 5:00 pm – Mass available
- Midnight – John Schivone (dec)

Saturday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord

- 8:15 am – Mass for the People
- 9:45 am – Sean Murphy
- 11:30 am – Manuel Morales (cumpleaños)
Ofelia Molina (dec)
Misa por la Comunidad
Maria Y. Menjivar Diaz (dec)

Sunday, December 26—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

- 8:15 am – Christmas Novena
Angeline & Joseph Pandolfo (dec)
Waldman, Gabriel & Herson Rivera (dec)
Margaret McNelis (dec)
- 9:45 am – Misa por el Pueblo
- 11:30 am – Misa por la Comunidad
Juan de Jesus Reyes (dec)
- 1:15 pm – John & Mary Waldron (dec)
St. Sauneur Jeudi (dec)



The Rectory Office will close on Thursday, December 23rd at 12 Noon and will re-open on Tuesday, December 28th.

The Office will be closed on Friday New Year's Eve.

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

12-8-10 and Weekend of 12-11 & 12-12 2010

Mass Time	# of Attendees	# of Env.	1st Collection	# of Env.	Debt Reduction	Total Collection
5:00 PM	94	31	\$863.05	17	\$223.50	\$1,086.55
7:30 PM	228	21	\$339.15	21	\$221.91	\$561.06
8:15 AM	126	60	\$1,085.35	20	\$255.89	\$1,341.24
9:45 AM	106	31	\$585.35	17	\$149.06	\$734.41
11:30 AM	398	97	\$851.30	57	\$324.13	\$1,175.43
1:15 PM	101	15	\$348.00	15	\$112.78	\$460.78
Immaculate Conception			\$807.92			\$807.92
OL of Guadalupe			\$421.10			\$421.10
Christmas Flowers			\$198.00			\$198.00
Totals	1053	255	\$ 5,499.22	147	\$1,287.27	\$6,786.49

First Collection Same Sunday Last Year: \$5155.00

(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** * Is 7:10-14 * Ps 24:1-6 * Mt 1:18-24
- Mon** * Is 7:10-14 * Ps 24:1-6 * Lk 1:26-38
- Tues** * Sg 2:8-14 *or* Zeph 3:14-18a * Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 * Lk 1:39-45
- Wed** * 1 Sm 1:24-28 * 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 * Lk 1:46-56
- Thurs** * Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 * Ps 25:4bc-5ab * Lk 1:57-66
- Fri** * 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16 * Ps 89:2-5, 27,29 * Lk 1:67-79
- Sat** * Is 62:15 * Ps 89:4-5,16-17, 27, 29 * Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

PLEASE PRAY for Robert Cunningham, Yvonne Hall, Zoila Yopez, Beverly Smith, Pedro Bonilla, Ulitt Doyle, Donna Mohammed, Annabel Davis, Wiloby & Lukey Snips, Vivian & Edith Hall, Nydia Rodriguez, Lucinda Staten, Kathleen Briza, Michael Wanser, Shane Keane, Liz Moskowitz and our faithful departed: 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.**



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.



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

***NO EVENING MASSES**

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

***NO EVENING MASSES**

NATIVITY



On Wednesday, December 22nd we will begin a new Christmas tradition here at St. Mary's. After the 9:00 a.m. Mass for the children of our Parish School, we will bless The Nativity Set which will be on the church lawn. The images of Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child witness to the real meaning of Christmas. All are welcome to participate.

BE RECONCILED! PLAN YOUR ADVENT CONFESSION

All are welcome to experience the love and forgiveness of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confessions are available at St. Mary's Church in English and Spanish, on Monday from 7:30 pm until 8:30 pm, and on Saturday from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm.

Confessions will be available at St. Mary's Church:

Monday, December 20, 2010

8:30am—10:00am

St. Mary Star of the Sea

12:30pm—3:00pm

St. Mary Star of the Sea

7:30pm—8:30pm

St. Mary Star of the Sea

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

8:30am—9:00am

St. Mary Star of the Sea

12:30pm—1:00pm

St. Mary Star of the Sea

(No confessions on December 24th & 25th)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES' FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Confirmation students will be having a Cake Sale in front of the Church after all the Masses.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

410 families from our parish pledged 79,705 to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. To date we have received 58,028. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please do so by December 31st so that the parish will receive credit for your gift. We thank you one and all for your support.

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

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.

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.

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. 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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent****INTO OUR HOMES**

Only a few days remain before the world will pause for the celebration of Christmas. Over the course of the past year we have been nourished at the table of God's word and feasted on the Gospel of Saint Luke. We have listened to parables, been summoned to take up our crosses and follow Christ, and been schooled in the way of discipleship. Since the beginning of Advent the Church has turned our attention to Matthew's Gospel. Today Matthew opens the doors of Saint Joseph's house, as well as his dreams, and tells the story of the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The final line of today's Gospel is worth noting: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24). Today is a day to consider our devotion to and appreciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our faith lives. Today is a day for *us* to take her into our homes.

PREPARING A PLACE FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH

Mary stands as a reminder that nothing is impossible with God. This young woman's life was thrown into confusion when the angel announced that she, although a virgin, would be the mother of God's Son. She is the one to whom we can look when our lives are thrown into confusion. She gave herself over to the power of God. This did not mean that she would live her life free from fear and pain. We all know the rest of the story—how she would watch her son suffer and die. Mary is a source of comfort for all who have lost children. We can look to her for comfort in times of grief and pain. How fitting that we focus on the Virgin Mary on this final Sunday of Advent. When we open the doors of our hearts and welcome Mary into our lives, what we really do is prepare a place where the Lord is born to us again.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**Domingo Pasado: \$6,786.49****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$5155.00****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!

**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento****RECIBÁMOSLA EN NUESTRO HOGAR**

En sólo unos pocos días el mundo hará una pausa para celebrar la Navidad. A lo largo del año que va terminando nos hemos nutrido en la mesa de la palabra de Dios y el plato principal ha sido el Evangelio según san Lucas. Hemos escuchado las parábolas, hemos sido llamados a cargar nuestra cruz y seguir a Cristo y hemos sido instruidos para ser verdaderos discípulos. Desde que comenzó el Adviento, la Iglesia nos ha dirigido la atención al Evangelio de Mateo. Y hoy Mateo nos abre las puertas del hogar de san José, y hasta de sus sueños, y nos cuenta los acontecimientos que precedieron el nacimiento de Jesús. Vale la pena fijarse en las últimas palabras del Evangelio de hoy: "Cuando José despertó de aquel sueño, hizo lo que le había mandado el ángel del Señor y recibió a su esposa [en su casa]" (Mateo 1:24). Hoy es un buen día para considerar nuestra devoción a la santísima Virgen María y el lugar que ella ocupa en nuestra vida de fe. Hoy es un buen día para recibirla en nuestro hogar.

PREPAREMOS UN LUGAR PARA EL NACIMIENTO DE CRISTO

La persona de María es un recuerdo vivo de que nada es imposible para Dios. La vida de esta joven mujer quedó confundida cuando el ángel le vino a decir que ella, aunque permanecería virgen, había de ser la madre del Hijo de Dios. A ella, pues, podemos recurrir cuando estemos en algún estado de confusión. María se entregó sin reservas al poder de Dios. Pero esto no significó que ella iba a vivir una vida libre de temores y dolores. Todos conocemos cómo continúa su historia—cómo María tuvo que ver a su Hijo sufrir y morir. María es por lo tanto una fuente de consuelo para todos los que han perdido a sus hijos. Podemos acudir a ella para recibir fuerzas en las horas de angustia y de dolor. ¡Cuán apropiado es este último domingo de Adviento para poner nuestro enfoque en la persona de María! Cuando abrimos las puertas de nuestro corazón y recibimos a María en nuestra vida, estamos preparando un lugar donde el Señor pueda nacer de nuevo en nosotros.

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

* No se celebrará Misa en la noche

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

*No se celebrará Misa en la noche

**LA NATIVIDAD**

El miércoles, 22 de diciembre comenzaremos una nueva tradición de Navidad aquí en Santa María. Después de la Misa de los niños de nuestra escuela Parroquial a las 9:00 A.M. vamos a bendecir la Natividad que estará en el jardín al frente de la iglesia. Las imágenes de María, José y el Niño Dios atestiguan al verdadero sentido de la Navidad. Todos son bienvenidos a participar.

JÓVENES CANDIDATOS A LA CONFIRMACIÓN

RECAUDAN FONDOS—Los candidatos a la Confirmación tendrán un venta de bizcochos, pasteles, refrescos y otras golosinas en frente de la Iglesia después de todas las Misas.

CAMPAÑA ANUAL CATOLICA

410 familias en nuestra parroquia hicieron su promesa a la Campaña Anual Católica de este año que hicieron un total de 79,705. Hasta ahora hemos recibido un total de 58,028. Si usted no ha terminado de saldar su promesa, por favor trate de hacerlo antes del 31 de diciembre para que nuestra parroquia pueda recibir crédito por su regalo. Muchas gracias a todos por su apoyo.

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.