

# Saint Gerard Majella Church

Staffed By The Vocationist Fathers  
West Broadway and Chamberlain Ave.  
Paterson, New Jersey 07522



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2017



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**RECTORY**  
(973)790-9499

**Administrator:** Rev. Leo Antony, S.D.V.

**PARISH OFFICE**  
(973) 595-8446

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**Parochial Vicars:**

Rev. Benny Chittilappilly, S.D.V.  
Rev. James Butts, S.D.V.  
Rev. Robert Vass, S.D.V.

**Trustees:**

Miss Christine Zisa  
Mr. Joseph Caiola

**Saturday Masses:**

8:15AM & 5:30PM (English)

**Sunday Masses:**

7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 12:00PM (English)  
10:30AM (English & Italian)  
1:30PM (Spanish)

**Weekday Masses:**

6:30AM and 8:15AM (English)

**Confessions:**

Monday 6:00PM to 7:00PM  
Saturday from 4:00PM to 5:00PM  
Weekdays: By Appointment

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays - 6:00PM

**Baptisms:**

Saturday at 12:00PM  
Contact the Rectory to make arrangements

**Weddings:**

Arrangements should be made at least one year prior to the wedding date. For an appointment please contact Mrs. Gloria Ferreira.

**Rectory:**

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Paterson, NJ 07522

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**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Gloria Ferreira

**Parish Secretary:** Nelida Laracuente  
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**St. Gerard School:**

10 Carrelton Drive  
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**Principal:** Sr. Jo-Ann Pompa, M.P.F.  
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**Music Ministers:**

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Mrs. Marlene O'Connell

**Sick calls and Home Visits:**

Please call the Rectory at any time.

**For immediate need of a Priest, please call:**  
973-767-9682



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**New Parishioners are most welcome - Please register at the rectory**  
501 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ, 07522 FAX # 973-790-0778  
Email - stgerardmajella@optonline.net  
www.stgerardmajella.org



**Saturday, February 18, 2017**

8:15 AM † Rev. Msgr. Patrick Brown  
Prayers of safety for all Police Officers

**Novena to St. Gerard after 8:15 AM Mass**

5:30 PM † Rose Brino  
† Helen Louise Schneider-Sheridan  
† Carmen Rosa

**7:00 PM – Matrimonio Feliz Valentine Party at  
St. Joseph’s Hall**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

7:30 AM † Irene DeMartino  
9:00 AM † JoAnn Occhiuzzi  
† Reynaldo Alarcon  
† Rosa Rodriquez  
10:30 AM † Felice and Angela Zisa  
† Antonio and Milley DelloBuono  
12:00 Noon † Rose Gambacorta  
† Irene Petrosi  
† Florentine Macedo  
† Fidel Caceres  
1:30 PM † Adelaida Rivera  
† Dionicia Luciano

*Birthday Blessings for Felix Alvarado Sr.  
Resurrecion de Jesus Prayer Group Mass  
Divino Nino*

**3:00 PM – FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at St. Joseph’s  
Hall – Featured movie: “The Young Messiah”**

**Monday, February 20, 2017-PRESIDENT’S DAY  
RECTORY CLOSED**

6:30 AM † Deceased Parishioners  
8:15 AM Birthday Blessings for Felix Guzman  
6:00 PM – Adoration and Confession

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017-**

**St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

6:30 AM For the homeless  
8:15 AM † Anema Sanoli Pragotorio

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017-**

**The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle  
ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

6:30 AM †Franciscan Sister Bernadette Ann Bozak  
8:15 AM † Lillian Polander

**Thursday, February 23, 201-**

**Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

6:30 AM Special Intentions for the homebound  
8:15 AM † Alessandro Sapio

**7:00 PM – Spanish Prayer Group**

**Friday, February 24, 2017**

6:30 AM † Juan Valentin, Jr.  
8:15 AM Birthday blessings for Michael Laracuent

**4:00 PM – Rehearsal for Linda and Ken Iulo**

**7:00 PM – Padre Pio Mass**

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

8:15 AM Prayers of safety for all Police Officer  
*Birthday blessings for Judith Ferreira*

**Saturday, February 25, 2017 – Cont’d.**

**Novena to St. Gerard after 8:15 AM Mass**

**3:00 PM – Memorial Mass for Silvestro Sama**

5:30 PM † Robert Raineri  
† Amato Verrengia  
† Antoinette Mimmo

Special Intentions for Patricia Sheridan-Aranibar & Family

**Sunday, February 26, 2017**

7:30 AM † Robert Monaco  
9:00 AM † Larry Paragano  
† Alyssa Schmidt  
† Kenneth Tolerico  
† Teresa Manzo  
10:30 AM † Joseph W. Petolino  
† Antonio and Maddalena Varuzza  
† Mario DeLeo  
† Quirino & Nicola D’Ambrosio  
12:00 Noon † Marilyn Ott-10-Yr. Anniversary  
1:30 PM Matrimonio Feliz Mass

**3:30 PM – Wedding Ceremony of Linda and Ken Iulo**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument; and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: “Today my best friend slapped me in the face.” They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: “Today my best friend saved my life.”

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, “after I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?” The friend replied “when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

Jesus teaches us whom to love in today’s gospel. Instead of loving only those whom we like or who love us Jesus says to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. This is surely good psychology as praying for those who hurt us frees us and gives us peace. Forgiveness is a decision not an emotion. Hopefully our emotions will follow our decision to forgive but firstly we must decide to forgive.

We say that to err is human and to forgive is divine. It is a grace to forgive and when the hurt is great we may need to pray a great deal for the grace to forgive. Mother Teresa wrote, “To be able to love one another, we must pray much, for prayer gives a clean heart and a clean heart can see God in our neighbor. If now we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten how to see God in one another.” **God bless you! Fr. Leo**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
ADORATION & CONFESSION  
MONDAYS: 6:00 to 7:00 PM**

*Thank You*

**Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community were as follows:**

**Feb. 12, 2017—\$1814 Total Envelopes: 75**

**Thank you for your continued generous offerings and donations. Please remember to use your parishioner envelopes. If you missed Mass, please try to make up your weekly contribution. Thank You.**



### Anointing of the Sick

Bring your Sick Brothers and Sisters for the Anointing of the Sick at St. Gerard's Church after the 8:15 AM Mass every third Wednesday of the month. The next anointing will take place:

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

### Please Note...

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22<sup>ND</sup>  
Anointing of the Sick  
will take place this Wednesday  
after the 8:15 AM Mass.**

### Deceased Parishioners:

Please keep in your prayers those of our parishioners, family or friends who have entered into eternal rest. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the eternal light shine upon them. We pray for **Mary Barreto**.



## Bible Readings

### 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**2/19/17-Sunday-Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48**

**2/20/17-Monday-Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29**

**2/21/17-Tuesday-Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37**

**2/22/17-Wednesday-1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19**

**2/23/17-Thursday-Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50**

**2/24/17-Friday-Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12**

**2/25/17-Saturday-Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16**

## PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES



The Holy Rosary will be held for the healing for our loved ones and friends every day at 7:45 a.m. in the Church (Mon. Sat.) and on Sunday at 8:40 a.m. If you wish to add a name to our Holy Rosary or remove one, please call June at the Rectory

**(973) 595-8446.** The Prayer List is posted on our bulletin board in the back of the Church.

**PLEASE INFORM US AT THE RECTORY IF ANYONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL AND NEEDS TO BE VISITED.**






### PASTORAL CARE

If you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound and needs communion, confession, any sacramental needs or just a visit, please contact *The Rectory* at (973) 595-8446. We will arrange for a Priest to visit them. Visited this week were: Irene Sciro, Jeannette Masiak, Louise Peterson, Ann Contini, Eleanor Verlardi,, and Catherine Gravino

## LITURGY MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Committee Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM at the Rectory.

Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of <b>Francesca Onnembo</b>	Flowers are given in loving memory of <b>Rose Brino</b>	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in honor of <b>Salvatore Cannata</b>

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26th**

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	Lillian and June
7:30 AM	English	Frances and June
9:00 AM	English	Maddie and Evelyn
10:30 AM	Eng/Ital.	Tino and June
12:00 PM	English	Regina and Carmella
1:30 PM	Spanish	Altagracia Corazon, Carmen Regalado and Gaudy Exebio

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST**

**Weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26th**

Time	Mass	Name
5:30 PM	English	Gerri, Marie, George and Carol
7:30 AM	English	Louis Pastena
9:00 AM	English	Paul
10:30 AM	English	Christine
12:00 PM	English	Lillian and Luis

**Family  
Movie Night**

**TODAY, SUNDAY  
at St. Joseph's Center  
3:00 to 6:00 PM**

**Featured movie:  
"The Young Messiah"  
No Charge**



**PRESIDENTS' DAY  
Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

In observance of the holiday, the Rectory will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20th. Mass will be celebrated at **6:30 AM** and **8:15 AM. Adoration: 6:00 PM**



*Calling All Seniors!*

**St. Gerard's Seniors Club**

Membership is opened to all Senior Citizens for both men and women of St. Gerard's Parish, age 55 and older.

The club meets every Monday at 1:00 PM in St. Joseph Center. Come and enjoy an afternoon of good fellowship and meet new friends. Dues is \$5.00 a month. Special luncheons are held on all holidays. A Casino trip is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. For information please call:

Betty at 973-881-0781



**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE BACK?** Need some end of the year charitable deductions? Why not consider sponsoring a St. Gerard Majella School student? Call (973) 595-5640 to find out.



## MASS SCHEDULE-MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

English masses:

6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 12:00 Noon  
and 6:30 PM

8:00 PM - Mass in Spanish



## **ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017 THE BASICS OF LENT**

**WHAT MUST I DO?** According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Youths 14 and older are also to abstain from meat on those days. "Fasting" means that no more than one main meal is eaten daily, while in the same day no more than two partial meals are eaten which together don't equal the one main meal.



## **ST. GERARD'S PARISH**

### **St. Joseph's Table**

**Friday and Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
after all Masses at  
St. Joseph's Center**

**Do you love to bake?** We are accepting donations of home-made traditional Easter items and pies for our table. Please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446 if you wish to contribute.

## **The Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle**



**Wednesday, February 22nd**

The feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church.

## **St. Gerard's Parish**

### **"Fish and Chips Dinner"**

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**at St. Joseph's Center**

**5:00 PM to 6:30 PM-Donation: \$20.00**

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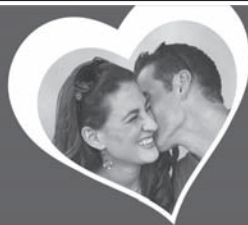
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